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WESTHAMPTON

FOR THE

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RALPH S. BRIDGMAN

This year we are dedicating the Annual Report to Ralph Scofield Bridgman for his long standing service to the Town.

Ralph, a life-long resident of Westhampton, was born May 19, 1890 the son of Edwin Burt and Mary Bridgman. On April 17, 1919, he married Louise E. Grant of Southfield and have one son, Grant. In 1969, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ralph, along with his brother Federal, owned and operated a farm and milk business for many years. Along with his business activities he was very active in church and Town affairs, serving on the Board of Deacons of the Westhampton Congregational Church from 1923 to 1933, and as Town Clerk from 1928 to 1932. Later he served as Town Treasurer from 1943 through 1962 and Tax Collector from 1951 to 1964.

On behalf of the townspeople, we wish to express our gratitude to Ralph for his unselfish devotion of time and energy to Westhampton.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Your Board of Selectmen have spent a very busy 1973. It has been a year both fulfilling and educational for us. The Selectmen have continued open meetings with many people from town taking advantage. We feel anyone with a town related problem should come to our meetings and if we can't solve the problem we will refer you to the proper board or individual.

The Selectmen, in September, accepted with regret the resignation of Richard W. Tracy from the Board of Selectmen. After checking into the laws pertaining to the resignation, we decided the position would not have to be filled at that time and would be filled at the March elections.

We have taken much time this year to check on possible By-law violations. Many were requested by individuals for reference to the Board of Health or Conservation Commission. We have felt that it is easier to question possible violations before something goes wrong, than to have to take action after it has already happened.

Other Selectmen duties we have taken care of this year were holding bid openings for liquid asphalt for the roads and for fuel oil for town buildings. We have issued many licenses including; retail milk licenses, camping and recreation license, operation of a store on the Lord's Day, family type camp license, food service establishment, junk dealers licenses, and gasoline and oil storage licenses. We have also continued to receive Revenue Sharing checks. In 1973, we received \$28,389.

The Selectmen have spent many hours on our duties concerning the Board of Health. We found that there were still some sewage systems not conforming to Article 11 of the State Sanitary Code. Much time was spent in trying to relieve these problems of which a number have already been taken care of. We feel that the others will be taken care of in the near future. As the Board of Health, we visited the camps, stores and schools many times to check on the cooking and sanitary facilities. Because of the time the Selectmen have spent on Board of

Health duties in 1973, and previous years, we have recommended to the town the implementation of a separate Board of Health.

We have also been acting as your Conservation Commission. We plan on bringing before the town an article to start a separate Conservation Commission. We have already appointed a committee to look into certain items. As your Conservation Commission we have had many meetings on the Hatch Act, which pertains to dredging and filling of any wetlands. We have met several times throughout the year with the directors of Pine Island Lake. Many residents at the lake will become directly involved with the Hatch Act in years to come. We have already held two Hatch Act hearings, one concerning Pine Island Lake and one which involved the Town on Southampton Road.

Harold Lacombe was appointed Veteran's Agent for the Town at the beginning of the year. This post was the responsibility of the Selectmen before this.

Because of the complexity of the problems that the Selectmen have come up against in 1973 it is hoped that creating a new Board of Health, Conservation Commission and separate Veteran's agent that the Town can be governed more effectively.

Alan Bardwell has been your Road Superintendent for a little over a year and we have been quite pleased with his work. In July, we hired Donald Munson to work for the Highway Department; he is also doing a fine job.

The Southampton Road project is proceeding along well. It did require some blasting to lower the ledge in places and much fill had to be put in other places. Also a considerable amount of drainage was installed. Barring any unforeseen problems, we hope the majority of work on Southampton Road will be completed this year.

The Selectmen have attended many meetings pertaining to state and federal aid to highways. One meeting we held was about the proposed Route 66 reconstruction project. The informal meeting on June 18 was attended by many interested people. Much information was brought out on the project. A non-binding vote was taken

at the meeting to either have the state continue the study on Route 66 or to discontinue the study. The vote was to recommend to the state to discontinue the study.

In September , the Town implemented a Kindergarten class into the public school system and a hot lunch program. Both programs seem to be progressing effectively.

We have appointed many individuals to various positions and committees. We have had a very positive response from persons involved, and at this time we would like to thank all of the people who have given so much of their time to the Town of Westhampton.

Respectfully submitted,
STILLMAN BROOKS, JR., Chairman
DAVID BRIDGMAN
Board of Selectmen

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRIDGES & RAILINGS

E. A. Delisle	\$ 39.39	
Taylor Rental	9.00	
Tooty's Welding	246.00	
Tri-County Contractors	49.00	
Mass. Fire Equipment	6.00	
Alan Bartwell	20.00	
Donald Munson	15.00	
	—————	\$ 384.39

CEMETERY

Thomas Vachula	662.49
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CEMETERY INTEREST - TOTMAN FUND

Thomas Vachula	150.00
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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

Thomas Vachula	\$ 29.43	
Westhampton Water Co.	5.00	
	—————	\$ 34.43

CHAPTER 81 MATERIAL

C. M. Norris	\$ 113.40
Warner Bros.	304.92

R. L. Benson	575.00	
Lane Construction	632.54	
All States Asphalt	5,083.94	
Tom Hathaway	177.00	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	1,487.37	
Arrow Concrete	158.25	
	—————	\$ 8,532.42

CHAPTER 81 PAYROLL

Alan Bardwell	\$ 1,580.50	
James Taylor	285.65	
Curtis Mercier	272.25	
Donald Munson	1,067.25	
Omasta Bros.	608.00	
Robert Miller	337.50	
Machine Fund	933.70	
E. A. Delisle	71.50	
	—————	\$ 5,156.35

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE - MATERIALS

Northeastern Culvert	108.78
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CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE - PAYROLL

Alan Bardwell	\$ 123.20	
James Taylor	81.20	
Curtis Mercier	82.50	
Donald Munson	22.50	
Machine Fund	85.10	
E. A. Delisle	55.00	
Robert Miller	57.50	
	—————	\$ 507.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION - MATERIAL

Daniel B. Krug	\$ 185.40	
Tom Hathaway	64.30	
Lane Construction Co.	142.13	
E. A. Delisle	353.68	
Fitzgerald Fences	13.50	
Agway	217.94	
C. M. Norris & Sons	1,148.85	
Northeastern Culvert	5,898.07	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	590.28	
Tobin Bros.	374.85	
R. L. Benson	88.40	

George D. Judd	707.04	
	<u> </u>	\$ 9,784.44

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION - PAYROLL

Alan Bardwell	\$ 6,113.15	
James Taylor	2,182.25	
Curtis Mercier	2,200.00	
Machine Fund	3,263.90	
Tom Hathaway	874.50	
Robert Miller	318.25	
Richard Barrett	198.00	
Donald Munson	2,060.75	
Loader	759.95	
Omasta Bros.	1,572.00	
Brian Lacombe	13.00	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	12,876.00	
Robert Pierce	29.25	
E. A. Delisle	792.00	
George Judd	2,447.20	
	<u> </u>	\$ 35,700.20

CIVIL DEFENSE

Commonwealth of Mass. Dept. of Education	41.40
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CLERICAL HIRE

Geraldine K. Ognibene	\$ 200.00	
Linda J. Sirois	133.32	
Margaret A. Parsons	66.68	
	<u> </u>	\$ 400.00

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Treasurer	2,683.28
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COUNSEL FEES

Whitney & Sudnik	100.00
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DOG LICENSES

Hampshire County Treasurer	835.85
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DOG OFFICER

James H. McGill	246.00
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DUMP ACCOUNT

Alfred Barrett	\$ 1,106.50
Robert Miller	277.38
Tom Hathaway	148.50
E. A. Delisle	5.39

Donald Munson	419.25	
Murray Clapp	10.00	
Richard Barrett	111.50	
Curtis Mercier	24.75	
Stillman Brooks	11.00	
Richard Tracy	8.25	
Alan Bardwell	72.00	
R. L. Benson	98.56	
	—————	\$ 2,293.08

PURCHASE OF DUMP SITE

First National Bank of Northampton	3,200.00
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DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Alan Bardwell	\$ 36.00	
Donald Munson	27.00	
	—————	\$ 63.00

FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX

First National Bank of Northampton	12,244.95
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FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

David K. Bridgman	150.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

James R. Shea	\$ 47.80	
Mass. Fire Equipment	45.25	
Munson Auto	121.76	
Town of Amherst	300.00	
	—————	\$ 514.81

GROUP INSURANCE

Blue Cross-Blue Shield	\$2,350.38	
Equitable Life Assurance Co.	121.64	
	—————	\$ 2,472.02

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT

Hampshire County Treasurer	\$ 1,586.52
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM TAX

Hampshire County Treasurer	\$ 2,842.50
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HAMPSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION FUND

Miss Elva Hutchinson	\$ 793.00
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HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer	\$133,677.98
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HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	
School Lunch Program	\$ 1,420.90

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HOSPITAL TAX DEFICIT	
Treasurer Hampshire County	\$ 1,678.93

STATE AND COUNTY TAX	
Treasurer Hampshire County	\$ 14,568.70

HOLIDAY	
Alan Bardwell	\$ 211.95
James Taylor	78.30
Curtis Mercier	74.25
Donald Munson	103.50
	—————\$ 468.00

INTEREST, INSURANCE AND BONDS	
Salls-Whalen	\$ 2,515.93
King & Cushman	10.00
Bureau of Accounts	20.00
Francis P. Lyons	271.00
Williamsburg Insurance Agency	63.00
Fickert, Howard & Wragg	1,849.00
	—————\$ 4,728.93

LIBRARY	
Ann Boynton	\$ 4.64
Mahlon K. Parsons	12.00
National Wildlife Federation	6.00
Howard-Fickert Insurance	230.00
Natural History	8.00
General Learning Corp.	25.40
Seventeen	6.00
Huntting Co., Inc.	327.21
Children's Book Council	12.85
Science Year	89.19
Norwood Oil Co.	115.19
Organic Gardening	15.25
The Literary Guild	157.02
Gail Fernald	466.91
Lauris Fernald	45.00
WMECO	36.43
DEMCO	72.79
Silver Burdett Co.	6.35

Horizon Book Services	12.80	
Junior Deluxe Editions	20.90	
Redbook	9.95	
Yankee	9.00	
Newsweek	8.88	
Country Journal	7.50	
New England Telephone	56.00	
James O. Hickey	206.40	
Jill Montague	33.00	
Pack-O-Fun	10.97	
National Geographic Society	15.65	
George Beaupre	8.00	
American Museum of Natural History	21.00	
Library Book House	329.84	
Reader's Digest	4.97	
New England School Supply	15.06	
Pepin Fuel Co.	69.11	
Joseph Lococo & Son	365.00	
American Heritage Book Service	13.80	
Today's Health	9.00	
Eleanor Miller	125.00	
Better Homes	7.00	
	—————\$	2,997.07

MEMORIAL DAY

Hampshire Regional School Band	50.00	
Women's Missionary Union	20.00	
	—————\$	70.00

POLICE ACCOUNT

Francis H. Loud	\$ 52.00	
Donald Blakesley	136.80	
James O. Hickey	75.50	
Alan Bardwell	30.00	
Charles Inman	44.70	
Francis Jackowski	24.00	
Claire Loud	4.00	
Louie's Sport Shop	111.50	
	—————\$	478.50

POLICE CHIEF

Francis H. Loud	\$ 150.00
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POSTAGE & TELEPHONE

New England Telephone	\$ 999.53	
WMECO	57.90	
Postmaster	229.80	
A. Lyman Snow	2.00	
Stillman G. Brooks	11.89	
Linda J. Sirois	5.02	
Olga C. Hathaway	19.64	
Charles Ognibene	16.00	
Margaret Parsons	4.00	
Jeanne Bridgman	24.00	
G. Ognibene	10.00	
Easthampton News Co.	47.65	
	—————\$	1,427.43

PRINTING & SUPPLIES

Hobbs & Warren	\$ 289.75	
Registry of Deeds	33.75	
Marcus Printing	38.15	
Easthampton News Co.	754.50	
Robert Czelusniak	22.50	
Forbes Snyder	14.84	
Albert Cartledge	8.41	
Central Printing Service	2.50	
Commissioner of Public Safety	20.00	
Daily Hampshire Gazette	160.72	
Jeanne Bridgman	5.27	
Pioneer Stamp Co.	4.28	
Sincage Printing Co.	45.00	
Kenneth Hamelin	1.50	
Springfield Newspapers	22.69	
	—————\$	1,423.86

RECREATION

Westfield Little League Baseball	\$ 35.00	
David Lyman	52.00	
Valley Sport Center	138.76	
	—————\$	225.76

REFUND ACCOUNT

James Taylor	\$ 13.50	
Curtis Mercier	8.12	
	—————\$	21.62

ROAD MACHINERY

Cernak Farm	\$ 2,226.64
Munson Auto Supply	662.85
Northampton Street Garage	200.00
J and L Sales	201.95
Earnest A. Delisle	373.46
Witt-Armstrong	977.93
Norwool Oil	320.98
Foster and Co.	819.94
C and I Distributors	151.26
Tooty's Welding	291.90
Bak & Son	929.08
Searles Auto Parts	558.10
P. Allen & Sons	4.00
Graves Equipment	399.81
Brightman Truck Parts	350.53
Lapienskis Garage	1,096.75
Young Broom Co.	65.00
Plumb Auto	22.12
Irving Schultz & Co.	131.27
Valley Auto Trim	35.70
Agway	15.96
Alan Bardwell	155.95
James Taylor	55.10
Curtis Mercier	64.63
Sate Chemical	135.79
Del Chemical	94.68
Hamp 66 Auto	53.43
La-Mar Chemicals	66.40
Springfield Auto	48.13
Loudville Store	5.75
Sportsman Marina	12.75
Foster Farrar	20.00
C & D Sales & Service	16.00
Donald Munson	35.75
Robert Miller	32.50
Ro-Brand Products	169.77
Westhampton Auto Parts	767.90
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	70.82
Mass. Fire Equipment	6.00

International Harvester	17.17
William Sullivan	43.80
F. L. Roberts	78.30
Chriscolas	18.90
Wholesale Distributors	35.25
Ferrar Spring	64.45
Taylor Rental	18.00
Pepin Fuel	53.36
Karl's Service Shop	7.90
	—————\$ 11,983.71

ROAD MACHINERY AND FIRE DEPT. BUILDINGS	
WMECO	\$ 198.72
Norwood Oil Co.	347.21
Pepin Fuel Co.	179.13
	—————\$ 725.06

SCHOOL ADDITION NOTE AND INTEREST	
First National Bank of Northampton	\$ 1,537.50

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING & ROAD WORK	
Alan Bardwell	\$ 1,945.98
James Taylor	694.59
Curtis Mercier	755.19
Chemical Corp.	3,035.81
Mill Valley Splicing	280.43
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	2,559.75
Tom Hathaway	118.52
International Salt Co.	576.83
Cayuga Rock Salt Co.	377.83
RO Brand Products	135.71
Donald Blakesley	110.38
Tooty's Welding	12.00
Donald Munson	292.50
Chase and Cooledge Co.	13.52
Munson Auto	52.08
Donald Munson-Premium Hours	279.00
E. A. Delisle	69.75
Murray Clapp	18.00
Harold's Garage	105.00
	—————\$ 11,432.84

STATE WITHHOLDING TAX	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 3,175.86

STREET AND WRIGHT FUND

Frank W. Munson \$ 126.27

TAX ABATEMENTS

Maureen Fox	\$ 19.79
Francis H. Loud	90.95
Richard Jacque	11.00
Edward Montague Jr.	13.48
Scott Mercier	7.90
Edward A. Challet	22.55
Ronald Beaupre	11.20
Collin Campbell	55.00
Joseph Mercier	7.90
George Smith	11.20
Raymond Sarafin	17.32
Blanche White	11.00
Michael Shaw	28.61
Lawrence Ledoux	38.50
Mahlon K. Parsons III	13.20
Ralph Rogers	9.90
Henry Parsons	8.25
Elizabeth Fisher	54.45
Alex Markley	14.85
Donald Munson	11.00
Harland Lemery Sr.	9.90
Wayne Cernak	26.40
Dwight Church	16.50
Donald Blakesley	17.80
Stillman Brooks Jr.	17.80
Leo Aloisi	33.59
Emma M. Stuart	700.00
Thomas/Patricia Sharac	175.00
William/Irene Orzolek	175.00
William White	175.00
Irving/Kathleen Geary	175.00
Obed Blakesley	2.30
Emile Derouin	84.41
Percy Fuller Jr.	13.20
Daniel Bishop	77.00
Eleanor Clapp	17.60
Thomas Hathaway	13.20

Ernestine Neumann	8.25	
	—————	\$ 2,196.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

<i>Loans</i>	<i>Interest on Loans</i>
First National Bank of Northampton	
Note #46	
\$60,000.00	\$ 883.05
13,800.00	406.98
First National Bank of Easthampton	
Note #44	
\$50,000.00	1,185.00
Note #45	
\$50,000.00	956.67
Purchase of Dump Site	
First National of Northampton	231.00
Total \$173,800.00	Total Interest \$ 3,662.70

THAYER FUND

R. W. Norris	\$ 26.53	
C. Ognibene	26.53	
	—————	\$ 53.06

TOWN HALL

WMECO	\$ 382.05	
Norwood Oil Co.	687.43	
Mass. Fire Equipment	8.45	
Midway Electric	4.14	
E. A. Delisle	181.49	
Hampshire Engineering	25.20	
Donald Munson	100.00	
Arnold Holt	55.00	
Westhampton Water Co.	73.00	
	—————	\$ 1,516.76

TOWN OFFICERS

A. Lyman Snaw, Animal Inspector	\$ 25.00
Lydia C. Omasta, Town Census	50.00
Harold Lacombe, Election Officer	14.25
Evelyn Tracy, Election Officer	14.25
Shirley Bardwell, Election Officer	14.25
Ruth Gagnon, Election Officer	14.25
Assoc. of Mass. Assessors	21.00
Frank E. Hathaway, Moderator	40.00

Mass. Collectors' & Treas. Assoc.	5.00
Hamp. Co. Selectmen's Association	15.00
Mass. Federation of Planning Boards	52.50
Mass. Selectmen's Association	40.00
Mass. League of Cities & Towns	112.50
Arthur E. Collins, Treasurer	10.00
James E. Faulkner, Treasurer	2.00
Daniel B. Whitely	5.00
Hampshire County Fire Defense Assoc.	10.00
James O. Hickey, Assessor	312.47
Assoc. Town Finance Committees	12.50
Priscilla A. Miller, Auditor	25.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Comm.	142.74
Stillman G. Brooks, Jr., Selectman	391.65
David K. Bridgman, Selectman	358.35
Richard W. Tracy, Selectman	262.50
Olga C. Hathaway, Treasurer	750.00
Jeanne C. Bridgman, Town Clerk	350.00
Charles Ognibene, Tax Collector	800.00
Normand Cloutier, Assessor	337.53
Frank E. Hathaway, Assessor	300.00
Esther J. Williams, Auditor	25.00
Philip J. Norris, School Committee	145.85
Bernice W. Florek, School Committee	125.00
Frederick W. Brown, Jr. School Comm.	86.11
James G. Hickey, School Comm.	43.04
Harold W. Lacombe, Veteran's Agent	100.00
James H. McGill, Dog Officer	35.00
Richard H. Tracy, Building Inspector	50.00
Ronald Patterson, Gas Inspector	50.00
Richard C. Williams, Wiring Inspector	50.00
James G. Hickey, Sanitation Inspector	50.00
James G. Hickey, Plumbing Inspector	50.00
Jeanne C. Bridgman, Clk. of Bd. of Reg.	50.00
	<hr/> \$ 5,347.74

TRAVEL EXPENSE

David Bridgman	\$ 17.60
James O. Hickey	49.40
Stillman G. Brooks, Jr.	3.00

Richard W. Tracy	9.50	
Olga C. Hathaway	27.20	
Geraldine Ognibene	13.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 119.90

TREE REMOVAL

Alan Bardwell	\$ 107.40	
James Taylor	11.60	
Curtis Mercier	11.00	
Donald Munson	67.75	
Robert Miller	12.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 210.25

VACATION PAY

James Taylor	\$ 130.50	
Alan Bardwell	192.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 322.50

VETERAN'S RELIEF

Cooley Dickinson Hospital	\$ 349.23	
James H. Averill	59.00	
Valley Urological Associates	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 483.23

WELL-CHILD AND IMMUNIZATON CLINICS

Stella D. Swanson, D. H.	\$ 25.00	
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RECAPITULATION

Bridges and Railings	\$ 384.39	
Cemetery	662.49	
Cemetery Interest-Totman Fund	150.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	34.43	
Chapter 81 Material	8,532.42	
Chapter 81 Payroll	5,156.35	
Chapter 90 Maintenance-Materials	108.78	
Chapter 90 Maintenance-Payroll	507.00	
Chapter 90 Construction-Materials	9,784.44	
Chapter 90 Construction-Payroll	35,700.20	
Civil Defense	41.40	
Clerical Hire	400.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	2,683.28	
Counsel Fees	100.00	
Dog Licenses to Hampshire County	835.85	
Dog Officer	246.00	

Dump Account	2,293.08
Purchase of Dump Site	3,200.00
Dutch Elm Disease	63.00
Federal Withholding Tax	12,244.95
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00
Fire Department	514.81
Group Insurance	2,472.02
Hampshire County Retirement	1,596.52
Hamp. Co. Retirement System Tax	2,842.50
Hampshire Mental Health and Mental Retardation	793.00
Hampshire Regional School Dist.	133,677.98
Hamp. Reg. School Lunch Program	1,420.90
Hamp. County Hosp. Tax Deficit	1,678.93
State and County Tax	14,568.70
Holiday Pay	468.00
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	4,728.93
Library	2,997.07
Memorial Day	70.00
Police Account	478.50
Police Chief	150.00
Postage & Telephone	1,427.43
Printing & Supplies	1,423.86
Recreation	225.76
Refund Account	21.62
Road Machinery	11,983.71
Road Machinery and Fire Dept. Bldgs.	725.06
School Addition Note and Interest	1,537.50
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	11,432.84
State Withholding Tax	3,175.86
Street and Wright Fund	126.27
Tax Abatements	2,196.00
Temporary Loans	173,800.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	3,662.70
Thayer Fund	53.06
Town Hall	1,516.76
Town Officers	5,347.74
Travel Expense	119.90
Tree Removal	210.25

Vacation Pay	322.50
Veteran's Relief	483.23
Well-Child and Immunization Clinics	25.00
	—————\$471,542.97

JURORS DRAWN IN 1973

GRAND JURY

Dwight S. Church

TRAVERSE JURY

Garry Anderson	Harold Wood
Wayne Buzzee	Ruth M. Blow
Grace Farjeon	Jessie Krug
Ruth Gagnon	John Lynes
Charles Burt	Gilbert Andrews
	Margaret Farley

NAMES IN JURY BOX FOR 1974

Sidney Cole	Clifton Ewing
George Burt	Bertha Parsons
Charles Burt	Lorraine Spencer
John Warren	Lillian Bass
Daniel Carey	Frances Crossman
Kenneth Hamelin	Marion Lemery
Edmund Morin	Shirley Bardwell

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON PROPOSED BUDGETS

	1973	1973	1974-75
Board of Health	100.00	————	100.00
Bridges & Railings	400.00	384.39	400.00
Cemetery	700.00	662.49	700.00
Chap. 90 Cont. (Payroll)		35,700.20	
Chap. 90 Cont. (Material)		9,784.44	
Chap. 90 Maint. (Payroll)		507.00	
Chap. 90 Maint. (Material)		108.78	
Chap. 81 (Payroll)		5,156.35	
Chap. 81 (Material)		8,532.42	
Civil Defense	200.00	41.40	200.00
Clerical Hire	400.00	400.00	400.00
Constable Account	100.00	————	100.00
Dog Officer Acct.	600.00	246.00	400.00
Counsel Fees	1,000.00	100.00	1,000.00
County Ret. System Tax	2,842.50	2,842.50	2,339.04
Dutch Elm Disease	177.31	63.00	177.31
Fire Chief & Forest Warden	150.00	150.00	150.00
Fire Dept.	600.00	514.81	600.00
Fire Patrol	100.00	————	100.00
Group Ins.	1,800.00	1,625.75	1,800.00
Hampshire County Ret.		1,586.52	
Hampshire Reg. School	133,677.98	133,677.98	161,425.00
Center School			144,680.21
Holiday Pay	525.00	468.00	600.00
Interest, Ins., Bonds	5,000.00	4,728.93	5,500.00
Int. Temp. Loans	2,400.00	3,662.70	4,500.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00	————	100.00
Land Damage	1,000.00	————	1,000.00
Library (Plus Dog Fund)	2,000.00	2,997.07	See Art. 10
Memorial Day	100.00	70.00	100.00
Police Account	600.00	478.50	600.00
Police Chief	150.00	150.00	150.00
Postage & Telephone	1,400.00	1,427.43	1,600.00
Printing & Supplies	1,400.00	1,423.86	1,600.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00	————	50.00
Recreation	300.00	225.76	300.00

Reserve Fund	3,500.00	1,762.70	3,500.00
Road Machinery	8,000.00	11,983.71	10,000.00
Road Mach. & Fire Dept. Bldg.	1,200.00	725.06	1,200.00
School Add. Plus Int.	1,537.50	1,537.50	
Snow, Removal, Sanding & R. W.	11,000.00	11,432.84	14,000.00
Tax Abatements		2,196.00	
Town Dump	2,000.00	2,293.08	4,000.00
Town Hall Acct.	2,500.00	1,516.76	3,000.00
Town Officers	5,600.00	5,347.74	7,000.00
Travel Expense	100.00	119.90	150.00
Tree Removal	250.00	210.25	250.00
Vacation Pay	484.00	322.50	700.00
Veterans Relief	100.00	483.23	100.00
Well Child & Imm. Clinics	300.00	25.00	300.00
Ham. Mental Health	793.00	793.00	see Art. 11
Hampshire County Tax	14,568.70	14,568.70	
Federal Withholding Tax		12,244.95	
State Withholding Tax		3,175.86	
Comm. of Mass. Treasury Dept.		2,683.28	
Hamp. County Hospital Tax		1,678.93	
Street & Wright Fund		126.27	
Thayer Fund		53.06	
Totman Int.		150.00	
Perpetual Care Int. Acct.		34.43	
Dog Licenses to Hamp Co.		835.85	
Purchase of Dump Site	3,200.00	3,200.00	
Refund Blue Cross-Blue Shield		21.62	
Hamp Reg. School Lunch Program		1,420.90	

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS 1973

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

Schools	\$198,309.60
Bridges & Railings	600.00
Cemetery	1,025.00
Civil Defense	300.00
Clerical Hire	600.00
Constable Account	150.00
Dog Officer Account	900.00
Counsel Fees	1,500.00
County Retirement System Tax	2,842.50
Dutch Elm Disease	265.96
Purchase of Dump Site	6,400.00
Fire Chief & Fire Warden	225.00
Fire Department	900.00
Fire Patrol	150.00
Group Insurance	2,700.00
Hampshire Regional School	200,516.97
Holiday Pay	715.00
Interest, Insurance & Bonds	10,000.00
Temporary Loans	2,400.00
Insect Pest Control	200.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Police Account	900.00
Police Chief	225.00
Postage & Telephone	2,100.00
Rabies Vaccine	75.00
Recreation	450.00
Road Mach. & Fire Dept. Bldgs.	1,800.00
School Addition plus Interest	1,537.50
Town Dump	3,000.00
Town Hall Account	3,500.00
Town Officers	8,400.00
Travel Expense	150.00
Tree Removal	375.00
Vacation Pay	1,090.00
Veterans' Relief	150.00
Well-Child & Immunization Clinics	450.00
Highways - Chapter 81	680.00
Highways - Chapter 90 Construction	4,600.00

Highways - Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,750.00
Library	2,000.00
Mental Health	793.00
Total	—————\$465,925.53

ESTIMATES TO BE RAISED FROM CHERRY SHEET

Overlay of Current Year	10,149.40
County Tax	17,112.20
County Hospital	1,678.93
State Recreation Areas	2,816.54
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	24.65
Air Pollution Control Districts	60.94
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	65.35
State Assessment System	50.00
Under Estimates 1972 Air Pollution Control Districts	2.13
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District	142.74
Total	—————\$ 21,973.48

FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY

From Federal Revenue Sharing:	
Board of Health	150.00
Land Damage	1,500.00
Printing & Supplies	2,100.00
Road Machinery	3,300.00
Snow Removal, Sanding & Roadwork	19,000.00
Library	1,756.50
	————— 27,806.50
From County Dog Refund	105.48
From Overlay Surplus Account to Snow Removal, Sanding & Road Work	1,840.00
From Overlay Surplus Account to Reserve Fund	5,000.00
From Overlay Surplus Account to Temporary Loans Account	650.00
From Road Machinery Fund to Road Machinery Account	8,700.00

Offset to Cherry Sheet	
Free Public Libraries	2,000.00
From State Aid to Libraries to	
Library Account	1,000.00
Total	<u> \$ 45,101.98</u>
Total Appropriations	<u> \$545,150.39</u>

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS

Overestimates - County Tax	561.48
Overestimates - State Recreation Areas	280.85
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	31,000.00
Licenses	450.00
Fines	200.00
General Government	500.00
Protection of Persons & Property	500.00
Health & Sanitation	20.00
Veterans Services	200.00
Interest on Taxes	450.00
Interest on Deposits	4,500.00
Farm Excise	847.24
Estimated Receipts from	
Cherry Sheet	94,042.82

Total Estimated Receipts	133,552.39
Total Available Funds	51,101.98

Total Estimated Receipts &	
Available Funds	\$184,654.37
Two-thirds Amount Raised on	
Property	240,330.68
One-third amount to be raised	
January 1 to June 30, 1974	120,165.34
	<u> </u>
Total Amount Raised or to	
Raised on Property	360,496.02
	<u> </u>
	\$545,150.39
Personal Property Valuation	852,390.00
Tax on Personal Property	39,209.94

Valuation on Real Estate	4,372,190.00	
Tax on Real Estate	201,120.74	
Tax Rate	46.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements		3,499.48
Abatements		
1973 Personal Property		204.70
1973 Real Estate		745.20
Exemptions		
1973 Real Estate - Veterans		1,575.00
1973 Real Estate -Certain Elderly Persons		5,736.80

FARM EXCISE

Horses 0; Cows 278; Bulls & Steers 3; Swine 22; Sheep 0; Heifers under 2 years old 118. Total number of farm animals is 421.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAND F. CLOUTIER, *Chm.*

JAMES O. HICKEY

FRANK E. HATHAWAY

REPORT OF THE CENTER CEMETERY

Other than the usual cleaning up etc., we repaired most of the broken grave markers in Section I.

There has been a noticeable upsurge of vandalism this past year. More than twenty (20) markers were tipped over, some broken beyond repair. Two (2) small markers were removed from their places in the northeast section (near the pines) and as yet I have not been able to locate them. Two (2) large monuments, one (1) marble in Section I and a granite in Section II will have to be set upright by crane or chain fall, I feel, they are much too large to be lifted by hand. I have found where horses have been ridden over grave lots in all sections and numerous beer bottles discarded throughout.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS VACHULA, *Caretaker*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the year Ending December 31, 1973

BIRTHS

January 6, 1973

Brian Gaffney Nutting, son to
Donald Dwight and Anne (Gaffney) Nutting

February 5, 1973

Ebin James Hurd, son to
Gary Allen and Ethel (Nez) Hurd

March 5, 1973

Kimberly Ann Neuman, daughter to
Herbert Paul and Ernestine Andrea (Brisson) Neumann

April 3, 1973

Allan Charles Devine, son to
Allan Charles and Shirley Ann (Hemenway) Devine

July 2, 1973

Mark Edward Arel, son to
Bernard Paul and Anne Mary (Bushey) Arel

August 10, 1973

Lynette Ann Blakesley, daughter to
Donald Alfred and Evelyn Delores (Inman) Blakesley

September 20, 1973

Jason David Berard, son to
David John and Bonnie Phyllis (Mercier) Berard

September 28, 1973

John Brian Storozuk, Jr., son to
John Brian and Debora Jean (Buzzee) Storozuk

October 19, 1973

Tracy Lynn Ducharme, daughter to
Archie Felix IV and Susan Diane (Kolosewicz) Ducharme

October 26, 1973

Christopher James Brooks, son to
Stillman Grant, Jr., and Joanne Ella (Clapp) Brooks

MARRIAGES

February 16, 1973

Michael William Brazeil of West Springfield and
Cherl (Blackmer) Inman of Westhampton

April 21, 1973

Archie F. Ducharme IV of Westhampton and
Susan Diane Kolosewicz of Haydenville

April 21, 1973

Michael J. Baxa of Easthampton and
Laurie J. Cernak of Easthampton

April 23, 1973

Donald Charles Barrett, of Westhampton and
Diane Marie Fournier of Southampton

April 29, 1973

Michael Leon Czarniecki of Westhampton and
Mary Helen Lawrence of Westhampton

May 26, 1973

Leo William Aloisi of Westhampton and
Anita Jeanne Ledoux of Westhampton

June 16, 1973

Donald Harvey Munson of Westhampton and
Jill Connell of Williamsburg

June 23, 1973

Gary Wayne Acus of Southampton and
Kathleen Rose Witherell of Westhampton

July 14, 1973

Brian Stephen Ahearn of Northampton and
Eileen Claire Loud of Westhampton

July 21, 1973

Robert Thomas Cobb of Westhampton and
Nancy Marie Picard of Easthampton

August 30, 1973

Donald Francis Rogers of Westhampton and
Dale Nancy Lannon of Goshen

October 6, 1973

Morris Frederick Adams, Jr. of Northampton and
Gretchen Ann Schumann of Westhampton

October 14, 1973

Paul S. Wakem of Dennisport and
Kyoko Takao of Dennisport

October 27, 1973

Lawrence Ernest Ledoux, Jr. of Westhampton and
Gloria Ann Meehan of Florence

November 21, 1973

Mahlon K. Parsons III of Westhampton and
Candice Jane Leining of Westhampton

December 8, 1973

Thomas E. Vachula of Easthampton and
Mary Brand of Easthampton

DEATHS

	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
February 28, 1973 - Fred Greenough	82	8	11
March 5, 1973 - Charles M. Norris	73	6	19
March 23, 1973 - Josephine (Miner) Stone	73	1	24
May 16, 1973 - Adah M. Judd	92	6	21
October 3, 1973 - Hazel E. (Fuller) Lyman	55	11	5
October 24, 1973 - Christine (Gagnon) Hickey	50	4	26

DOG LICENSES

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1973 .00

Licenses Issued:

105 Males	@ \$ 3.00	\$315.00	
24 Female	@ 6.00	144.00	
59 Spayed	@ 3.00	177.00	
13 Kennel	@ 10.00	130.00	
4 Kennel	@ 25.00	100.00	
1 Kennel	@ 50.00	50.00	
1 Transfer	@ .25	.25	
		<hr/> \$	916.25
Paid to Town Treasurer		835.85	
Bal. forwarded in 1974		8.30	
Retained 206 fees	@ .35	72.10	
		<hr/> \$	916.25

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

111 Resident Fishing	@ \$ 8.25	\$915.75
17 Minor Fishing	@ 6.25	106.25
69 Hunting	@ 8.25	569.25
57 Sporting	@ 13.50	769.50
1 Res. Alien Fishing	@ 11.25	11.25
6 Non-Res. Alien Fishing	@ 14.25	85.50
2 Non-Res. Alien - 7 day Fishing	@ 8.25	16.50
1 Minor Trapping	@ 6.25	6.25

3 Non-Res. Citizen			
Big Game Hunting	@	35.25	105.75
7 Archery Deer Stamps	@	5.10	35.70
4 Duplicates	@	1.00	4.00
13 Res. Cit. Sporting (free)			----
			-----\$ 2,625.70
Paid to Div. of Fisheries & Game			\$2,558.25
Retained 267 fees	@	.25	66.75
Retained 7 fees	@	.10	.70
			-----\$ 2,625.70

Respectfully submitted,
JEANNE C. BRIDGMAN
Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,
ESTHER L. WILLIAMS, *Auditor*

WELL CHILD CLINIC

The annual Well Child Clinic, open to all town pre-school children, was held on May 23. We are grateful to the church directors for permission to use the church facilities, which have proved to be most convenient for the purpose.

Dr. Selkirk gave physical examinations to nine children. Seven dental checkups were done by Mrs. Stella Swanson, dental hygienist. Six audio tests were also done. A total of 34 immunizations were given, and 10 tuberculin skin tests were done.

On recommendation of the State Department of Public Health that all children who received measles vaccine prior to one year of age be revaccinated, a check of school age children was done. As a result, twenty measles immunizations were given at the Center School in the afternoon of the clinic day.

My sincere thanks to the five volunteers, including one University of Massachusetts student, who helped out so very capably.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET K. HAYES, R.N.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1973 \$ 53,473.30

Taxes and Interest received from Collector:

1971 Excise	\$ 58.74	
Interest	2.68	
Demand	7.00	
Warrant	6.00	
	74.42	
1972 Real Estate	7,537.06	
Personal Property	246.00	
Excise	10,663.40	
Interest	298.13	
Demand	53.00	
Warrant	23.00	
	18,820.59	
1973 Real Estate	172,016.64	
Personal Property	32,331.10	
Excise	18,168.63	
Farm Excise	704.35	
Interest	16.20	
Demand	6.00	
	223,242.92	

Highways:

From Massachusetts State Treasurer

Chap. 81-Maint. (Contract)	7,722.58	
Chap. 90 Const. 1972 (Contract)	2,743.87	
Chap. 90 Const. (Contract)	9,200.00	
Snow Removal	246.75	
	19,913.20	

From Hampshire County Treasurer

Chap. 90 Const. (1969 Contract)	5,000.00	
Chap. 90 Const. (1972 Contract)	2,743.87	
Chap. 90 Const. (1972 Contract)	4,600.00	
	12,343.87	

Schools:

From Massachusetts State Treasurer

School Aid Chap. 70	15,246.52	
School Aid Chap. 79 - '72 Adj.	1,270.92	

School Aid Chap. 70 - '73 Ent.	7,463.21	
Chap. 74 - Sec. 8A Trans. Reimbur.	975.00	
Chap. 74 - Voc. Stud. Tuition	2,684.00	
Chap. 70 - School Aid C58-18A	7,463.21	
Chap. 74 - Ed. Occpa. Sec. 8A	62.00	
Ed. St. & Fed. Asst. Sch. Trans.	5,614.00	
Chap. 74 - Sec. 1 Educ. G. L.	184.00	
Reimb. of Educ. TV Ch. 71	46.50	
Chap. 58 - 18A Educ. Prog.	2,464.00	
Chap. 71 - Ed. Trans. 57 AC 14	6,055.42	
Welfare Fam. and Child		
Tuition and Transp.	1,205.30	
Aid to Towns in Reg. Sch. District	2,045.28	
	<hr/>	52,779.36
School Milk Program:		
Sale of Milk to Pupils	489.13	
State Reimbursement	313.23	
	<hr/>	802.36
School Lunch Program:		
From Hampshire Reg. School District		1,420.90
Other Income:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
State Aid to Free Libraries	1,000.00	
Livestock Disease Control	12.50	
Chap. 812-Census Reimbursement	201.75	
Veterans Service	37.50	
Local Aid Fund (Lottery)	3,148.15	
	<hr/>	4,399.90
From Hampshire County Treasurer		
Kill and Care	256.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Refund	57.00	
	<hr/>	313.00
Temporary Loans:		
Anticip. of Revenue (April)	50,000.00	
Anticip. of Revenue (May)	50,000.00	
Anticip. of Revenue (Aug.)	60,000.00	
Anticip. of Reimbursement		
(Dec.)	40,000.00	
	<hr/>	200,000.00

Federal Sharing Revenue		
January	10,569.00	
April	6,380.00	
July	6,380.00	
October	5,060.00	
	<hr/>	28,389.00
Interest on Federal Sharing Revenue		1,341.43
Miscellaneous:		
Federal Withholding Tax Deduc.	12,357.75	
State Tax Deductions	3,232.44	
Retirement Deductions	1,588.32	
Blue C/S Deductions	789.63	
Equitable Deductions	43.05	
From Town Clerk-Dog Licenses	835.85	
Use of Town Machinery	6.00	
Pistol Permits	534.00	
Gun Registration	52.00	
Lord's Day License	15.00	
Milk Dealer's License	5.00	
Family Type Camp License	5.00	
Sewage Disposal Installers Permit	22.00	
Rental of Dump by HRS	90.00	
District Court Fines	50.00	
Equitable Dividend	13.27	
Refund-Hampden Oil Co.	183.96	
District Court of N.Y.	27.70	
Public Hearing Notice	2.00	
Sale of Scrap Iron	8.32	
Conservation Comm. Hearing	25.00	
Water Service - J. Hickey	44.25	
Sale of Logs	50.00	
Ck. Returned - Land Damage Acct.	10.00	
Savings Bank Interest on Deposits	1,713.17	
Machine Fund Earnings	4,530.65	
	<hr/>	26,234.36
Interest from Trust Funds:		
Cemetery	206.22	
Welfare:		
Whiting Street Fund	73.21	
Wright Fund	53.06	

Thayer Fund	53.06	
	<hr/>	385.55
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		\$643,934.16

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$471,542.97	
Paid School Committee Orders	116,183.03	
Paid Cooper's Dairy	705.85	
Paid P.L. 874, Title I	239.72	
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1974	55,262.59	
	<hr/>	\$643,934.16

ROAD MACHINERY

Balance on Hand January 1, 1973	\$ 8,767.24	
Error on Report of 1973	1.10	
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	8,768.34	
Department Earnings	4,530.65	
Received from State for Snow Removal	246.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,545.74
Transferred to Road Machinery Account		8,700.00
Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1974		\$ 4,845.74

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1973	\$22,449.67	
Interest Income for 1973	1,312.03	
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Balance on Hand - January 1, 1974		\$ 23,761.70

OUTSTANDING TAXES

1971 Excise	\$ 31.63	
1972 Real Estate	234.40	
1972 Excise	227.47	
1973 Excise	3,095.81	
1973 Real Estate	22,813.26	
1973 Personal Property	6,708.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 33,111.21

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

Cemetery:		
Principal		1973 Interest
\$2,000.00 Lucy Totman		\$114.16

500.00	O. C. Bridgman	26.50	
500.00	Charles G. Loud	28.52	
100.00	Myra G. Strong	5.30	
100.00	Sara C. Cook	5.30	
100.00	George Burt	5.30	
100.00	Samuel Edwards	5.30	
100.00	Arthur L. Searle	5.30	
100.00	Emma G. Damon	5.30	
50.00	David L. Brown	2.64	
50.00	Susan A. Loud	2.60	
		<hr/> \$	206.22
Welfare:			
\$1,380.85	Whiting Street	73.21	
1,000.00	Wright	53.06	
1,000.00	Thayer	53.06	
		<hr/> \$	179.33
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		\$	385.55

Respectfully submitted,

OLGA C. HATHAWAY
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past year one hearing was held. The result of this hearing was granting of a variance which allowed a storage shed to be built less than 15 feet from the boundary line of the property.

The Board wishes to remind all property owners to become familiar with Westhampton code of by-laws and protective, subdivision, and zoning by-laws before requesting a building permit.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McGINNIS, Acting Chairman	JOHN WRIGHT
EARL GETT	ESTHER WILLIAMS
JOHN LYNES	STANLEY GREENBERG

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITOR

I have examined the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them to be as submitted:

Total Disbursements for 1973 \$588,671.57

The disbursements include the following:

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$471,542.97
Paid School Committee Orders	116,183.03
Paid Cooper's Dairy Bills	705.85
Paid Public Law 874 Title I	239.72

The Balance shown in the treasury is \$ 55,262.59

This balance includes the following:

Florence Savings Bank	\$ 10.00
Easthampton Savings Bank	10.00
First National Bank of Northampton	12,853.78
Northampton Institution for Savings	12,937.93
Hampshire National Bank, South Hadley	10,000.00
Cash On Hand	19,450.88

Total Income for the year is in the amount of \$643,034.16

This income is from the following:

Taxes, etc.	\$242,137.93
Temporary Loans	200,000.00
Hampshire County	12,656.87
State	77,405.69
Federal Sharing Revenues (including interest)	29,730.43
Miscellaneous Income	28,529.94
Last Year's Balance	53,473.30

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER J. WILLIAMS
Town Auditor

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR — 1973

1971	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Tax Due 1/1/73	\$ 104.12	
	Abatements	(-13.75)	
	Tax Collected	58.74	
	Tax Outstanding		31.63
	Demand Fees Collected	7.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	6.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	2.68	
1972	Personal Property		
	Tax Due 1/1/73	246.00	
	Tax Outstanding		none
	Tax Collected	246.00	
	Demand Fees Collected	3.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	2.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	8.05	
1972	Real Estate Tax		
	Tax Due 1/1/73	7,771.46	
	Tax Collected	7,537.06	
	Tax Outstanding		234.40
	Demand Fees Collected	21.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	6.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	267.44	
1972	Motor Vehicle Excise	2,321.71	
	Tax Due 1/1/73	2,321.71	
	Commitment Issued 2/14/73	3,618.72	
	Commitment Issued 4/25/73	3,253.74	
	Commitment Issued 8/1/73	2,412.38	
	Commitment Issued 10/17/73	263.45	
	Total Tax Due	11,870.00	
	Abatements	(-979.13)	
	Tax Collected	10,663.40	
	Tax Outstanding		227.47
	Demand Fees Collected	29.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	15.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	22.64	
1973	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	1st Commitment issued 5/8/73	3,131.70	
	2nd Commitment issued 6/13/73	3,620.10	

3rd Commitment issued 8/1/73	3,250.50	
4th Commitment issued 8/8/73	3,851.10	
5th Commitment issued 9/26/73	4,435.77	
6th Commitment issued 12/4/73	4,791.67	
Total Tax Due	23,080.84	
Abatements	(-1,816.40)	
Tax Collected	18,168.63	
Tax Outstanding		3,095.81
Demand Fees Collected	6.00	
1973 Real Estate Tax		
Commitment issued 10/17/73	201,120.74	
Commitment issued 12/10/73	294.86	
Total Tax Due	201,415.60	
Abatements	(-6,585.70)	
Tax Collected	172,016.64	
Tax Outstanding		22,813.26
Interest Charges Collected	16.20	
1973 Personal Property Tax		
Commitment issued 10/17/73	39,209.94	
Abatements	(-170.20)	
Tax Collected	32,331.10	
Tax Outstanding		6,708.64
1973 Farm Animal Excise		
Commitment issued 10/17/73	704.35	
Tax Collected	704.35	
Tax Outstanding		none

RECAPITULATION

Taxes Due	\$284,402.31
Abatements	(9,565.18)
Total Taxes Collected	241,725.92
Total Taxes Outstanding	33,111.21
Total Demand Fees Collected	66.00
Total Warrant Fees Collected	29.00
Total Interest Charges Collected	317.01

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES OGNIBENE
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Herewith, I submit my Annual Report of the Westhampton Fire Department.

New equipment added to the department this year included an AC Alternator to be used for emergency purposes. This should prove to be a valuable addition. Also purchased was a radio base station and a mobile unit. This will enable Westhampton to be connected with surrounding towns for mutual aid purposes as well as a benefit to our own department in relaying messages quickly.

In November, your Chief was elected vice president of the Hampshire County Aid Association. This group, consisting of all Hampshire County Fire Chiefs was organized a couple of years as a means of setting up and maintaining a program beneficial to all. In case of fire in which a town needed additional assistance, a neighboring department, by agreement, would respond.

Due to the Energy Crisis many residents are now using wood burning stoves. A word of caution in the use of these and other heaters.

1. Do not overload your stove.
2. Be sure chimneys and flues are clear and free of debris.
3. Use only Massachusetts approved stoves.
4. Faulty and improperly installed stoves, heaters and furnaces are common causes of CO poisoning in the home.
5. Leakage of carbon monoxide in a confined area of a room can sicken or kill.
6. Fireplaces, if left unattended, should be equipped with proper screening.

New members added to the department are Alan Bardwell, Sr. and William White.

Permits Issued:

- 8 Power Burner & Storage Permits
- 8 Farmers Burning Permits
- 1 Blasting Permit
- 1 Resusitator Call
- 7 Truck runs

Many thanks go out to all members of the Fire Department who sacrifice many hours a year on behalf of the Town and to the townspeople for practicing fire safety.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID K. BRIDGMAN
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

13 New Dwellings	1 Church
2 Old Dwellings	1 Library
2 Trailer Homes	—
2 Camps	21

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD C. WILLIAMS
Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

There were fourteen inspections, with four violations in incorrect type of piping. No copper pipe of any type shall be used on gas piping.

In 1974, all mobile homes or permits issued to locate in Town of Westhampton shall be inspected by the Building Inspector and Gas Inspector. This is an order from the State Gas Regulating Board.

Respectfully submitted,
RONALD PATTERSON
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Westhampton Police Department has followed its policy of the last two years by continuing in its endeavor of taking advantage of all services and courses available to us. Also in the last year, we have extended our policy of equipping the Police Department so that along with the education to which the department has availed itself, we now have a department as well equipped and as professional as any to be found.

Your Police Department has handled 370 calls this past year. Following is a breakdown of these calls:

Accidents investigated	33
Domestic calls	6
Houses checked	14
Breaks investigated	39
Stolen cars recovered	4
Matters relating to juveniles	23
Ambulance assistance calls	7
Calls of other Police matters that require Police attention	252

The citizens of this town should be alerted to a new problem with the advent of our newest crisis with the price of gas going higher and not available as we would like. There are those who syphon gas out of cars. Therefore, it is advisable for everyone to be on the lookout for suspicious actions and notify your Police Department immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LOUD

Westhampton Police Chief

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

23 Plumbing Permits Issued.

36 Inspections.

These include one inspection on the rough and one on the finish.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. HICKEY

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

This has been a busy year - in spite of high interest rates, high labor and material costs, building has gone on at a rapid pace.

	Estimated cost
17 New Dwellings	\$379,500.00
3 Moble	12,000.00
14 Dwelling additions or renovations	73,960.00
8 Garages	11,450.00
6 Barns	9,410.00
6 Storage Buildings	2,720.00
2 Silos	7,000.00
1 Pump Power House	200.00
57	<hr/> \$496,230.00

In this my seventh and final report, I wish to express my appreciation to all the folks who have been cooperative and conscientious in getting their permits. It has also been disillusioning to observe how frequently the same people who are not only willing but eager to write rules and regulation for everyone, are themselves unwilling to abide by them.

In 1975, a uniform state building code is scheduled to go into effect. This will mean not only a uniform code, mandatory fees for permits, inspection under civil service, inspection of public buildings and no doubt, more red tape. Thus, we lose one more bit of home rule and move one step nearer total state control and regimentation.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD H. TRACY
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

45 Percolation Tests
15 For new homes
11 For occupied dwellings
27 Installation Inspections

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES G. HICKEY

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held regular monthly meetings throughout the year. As the town grows the number and complexity of the matters dealt with by the planning board increases. It is extremely important that we anticipate problem areas and take remedial action before they become major.

A large part of our activity this year consisted in formulating amendments to the Protective Zoning By-Law which would give more control of the town's future to the voters. We feel strongly that major questions such as the construction of apartments should be decided by all the voters.

Over the year, we have attended hearings of the Selectmen acting as Conservation Commission, Board of Appeals hearings and also met with official and unofficial groups. We intend to continue this policy of keeping open the lines of communication with as many of our citizens as possible. The formation of a Conservation Commission is something the Town is very much in need of and we hope the voters will approve this article as well as the by-law changes we have suggested.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall at 8 P.M. Our meetings are public and we welcome visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL K. SWANSON

RICHARD H. TRACY

ROBERT NORRIS

LYDIA C. OMASTA

FRANK STASZ, JR.

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE

The approval of the updated Westhampton Civil Defense Operations plan by Sector 4C Headquarters MCDA qualified us to continue to participate in the surplus property program. Two trips were made to Taunton. Furniture, tools, and hardware were picked up for the highway and fire departments. An application was filed with MCDA for a front end loader and a bulldozer in the expectation of a shipment of equipment from U. S. Army supply depots in Europe. In November, the Highway Department through Civil Defense picked up two four wheel trailers at Westover Base.

During the year, we attended several Sector 4C Civil Defense meetings in Northampton having to do with training and state and national CD programs. With the help of Jeanne Bridgman, we continued to take part in the National Warning System tests. Our radiological testing instruments were inspected and will be stored at the fire station for emergency use. We made a written request to Sector 4C MCDA for an engineering survey of five public buildings in Westhampton, including the Hampshire Regional High School, to locate structures with public fall-out capabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY GREENBERG
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

The year 1973 included the following:

- 72 Dog complaints
- 2 Dog bites
- 46 Strayed dogs picked up
- 30 Strayed dogs returned to owners
- 29 Reports of missing dogs

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. MCGILL
Dog Officer

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Westhampton Historical Commission was appointed by the Selectmen following authorization at the annual Town Meeting. As outlined in the Mass. General Laws, the commission is responsible for the "preservation, promotion and development of the historical assets" of the town.

At a meeting following its formation. John Lynes was elected chairman and Stanley Greenberg, secretary. Handbooks and inventory forms from the Massachusetts Historical Commission were discussed and plans were made to make an inventory of the town's historic sites and buildings. During the year John Lynes completed inventory forms giving the history and location of 14 historic Westhampton houses. The Commission accepted with regret the resignation of John Lynes at the end of the year, but is pleased to know that he will continue his interest Eleanor Miller was welcomed as a new member. Plans were made to continue the inventory of historic places and to cooperate with the Westhampton Bicentennial Commission in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the United States. The Commission welcomes the suggestions and assistance of interested townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BURT

MRS. PEARL FLINT

MRS. ESTELLE FRARY

STANLEY GREENBERG

MRS. ELEANOR MILLER

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

During the year 1973, over 400 books were added to the library inventory. Most of them were purchased by the buying committee, but many of them were gifts and the donor names were noted in each volume.

The Western Regional Library System has continued with its Bookmobile stops in town every six weeks. 1,734 books were circulated at the Center School and 7,527 were left in the library for patron use.

An adult class in Decorative Painting was sponsored by the library in the spring with 29 registrations made. An exhibit of the class work was held in the Congregational Church the night of the June community supper. Gale Wright and Eleanor Miller were the instructors.

Sixteen grammar school students read the required number of books for certificate awards during the summer 'children's reading program.' Story hours were held but were not well attended.

During the school year, the students of Center School have a library period on every other Monday and a large percentage of the Juvenile circulation is due to this regular use of the facility.

Renovation of the "attic" into a very attractive and usable room for children has added a great deal of value to the physical plant. Much of the work was donated by Mr. Stanley Bartlett as well as some of the materials used.

Gifts were received from Boy Scout Troop 209, the campers of Windy Acres, the Mother's Club and Mr. Stanley Bartlett.

In September the resignation of Mrs. Lauris Fernald, as librarian was regretfully accepted and in October Mrs. Eleanor Miller was appointed to fill the position.

Circulation For The Year			
Adult fiction	1,324	Non fiction	1,003
Juvenile fiction	3,135	Non fiction	805
		Bookmobile	1,734
Total Circulation 7,428			

Books borrowed through Intelibrary from Forbes was 200, as were 6 records and 4 films.

Library Hours:

Monday 2:00 - 5:00	7:00 - 9:00
Wednesday 2:00 - 5:00	7:00 - 9:00
*Friday 2:00 - 5:00	
Sunday 12:00 - 12:30	
*On a Friday when a community supper is held.	

State aid to our library for the coming year will depend, in part, on our ability to become involved in outreach programs which will be of benefit to the town. Participation and help will be welcomed from all who are interested in making sure that the library continues to be an influence in the town.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR MILLER

REPORT OF CENTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 1973

The Westhampton School Committee met and organized as follows: Philip Norris as chairman and Regional School Committee member and Bernice Florek as Secretary.

During the early months the School Committee, Building Committee and Selectmen were actively concerned with space problems at Center School. An open meeting was held to review all aspects of remodeling, rebuilding, and/or alternatives for more adequate elementary function. Rebuilding was voted down at the Annual Town Meeting and minor renovations were begun at the school. The kitchen was completely gutted and remodeled to handle an adequate lunch program, with meals being transported from the Regional School. Also an agreement was made with Selectmen to hold kindergarten classes at the Town Hall with the school custodian to provide custodial services.

In February, the committee extended a leave of absence to fourth grade teacher Mrs. Kathleen Halberg, effective March 12, 1973. Mrs. Joyce Piper was appointed to fill this position when Mrs. Halberg resigned as of June 30, 1973. The resignation of Mrs. Constance Capelli, one day per week music teacher, was accepted in April to become effective at the end of the 72 - 73 school year. Miss Martha Sena has filled this position. Mrs. Perry Graveline was employed as kindergarten teacher for the 73 - 74 school year and Peter Curtis was awarded the kindergarten transportation bid. Mrs. Lydia Omasta was employed as kindergarten aide and school lunch server. A full-time custodian, Leo Bergeron was appointed and subsequently discharged. Mr. Gilbert Andrews has been hired for this position. Mrs. Priscilla Miller was granted a one year leave of absence as resource teacher and Mrs. Beverly Bishop appointed to fill the vacancy for the 73 - 74 school year. Physical education transportation bids were rejected and a bus was rented at a much lower rate with the physical education instructor driving same.

In August, the resignation of Frederick W. Brown, Jr. was accepted and James G. Hickey was appointed by Selectmen to fill this vacancy.

“Operation Knapsack” a learning trip to Boston for grades five and six was successfully embarked in June. Our thanks to Mrs. Ladd, Mr. Callahan and parent chaperones who worked to make this a successful learning experience. These students, as a group, raised the money for this trip. Our appreciation also to the Highway Department for keeping the entrances clear and to the faculty for the splendid programs produced for parents and townspeople. The PTA introduced “mini-courses” for the fourth, fifth, and six grades. Our thanks to them and the willing instructors for a successful venture.

Regular meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at Center School. All those wishing to discuss education matters are welcome at our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP J. NORRIS, Chm.

BERNICE W. FLOREK

JAMES G. HICKEY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation, 1973	\$198,309.60
P.L. 874	3,229.95
ESEA Title III	176.01
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Total Budget	201,715.56
Expenditures	116,183.03
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Balance Appropriations	\$82,126.57
Balance P.L. 874	3,229.95
Balance ESEA Title III	176.01

EXPENDITURES

Administration

Donald J. Buss, Salary	\$ 1,070.81
Donald J. Buss, Travel	55.76
Richard E. Dragon, Salary	873.64

Richard E. Dragon, Travel	50.66	
Jeanette M. O'Neill, Bus. Mgr.	486.91	
Bernice C. Greenberg, Clerical	306.98	
Sylvia N. Smith, Clerical	260.44	
Marilyn W. Ingellis, Clerical	245.31	
Karen M. Karowski, Clerical	116.19	
Edna K. Cooper, Clerical	51.65	
Helen R. Berg, Clerical	20.25	
Geraldine K. Ognibene, Clerical	306.08	
Superintendent Office Expenses	142.00	
Superintendent Other Expenses	28.82	
Out-of-State Expenses	13.63	
Rental-Superintendent's Office	153.18	
School Committee Expenses	49.02	
	<hr/> \$	4,231.33

Instruction

Donald E. MacLeod, Principal	\$3,835.29	
Principal's Expense	278.94	
	<hr/> \$	4,114.23
Virginia M. Brown	\$8,033.55	
Eugene H. Callahan, Jr.	7,783.62	
Dorothy S. Ladd	8,311.37	
Patricia G. Norris	8,938.55	
Joyce E. Piper	5,691.40	
Margaret J. Tatro	7,783.62	
Kathleen P. Halberg	2,286.40	
Perrie P. Gravelin, Kindergarten	1,382.69	
Substitutes	766.00	
Beverly Bishop, Resource Teacher	362.50	
Priscilla Miller, Resource Teacher	690.00	
Eleanor R. Scott, Teacher Aide	1,868.28	
Robert F. Scott, Tutor	76.50	
Lydia C. Omasta, Kindergarten Aide	460.00	
Martha R. Sena, Music	305.28	
Constance L. Cappelli, Music	575.11	
Michael E. Korpita, Phys. Ed.	2,969.47	
Ruth E. Hawkins, Adjust. Counselor	2,171.68	
Ruth E. Hawkins, Travel	100.00	
	<hr/> \$	60,556.02
Supplies		2,956.80
Physical Education		1,211.04
Texts		1,622.84
Library Books		260.28
Audio Visual		558.76
Equipment		1,667.31
Class Trips		237.00

Insurance	66.35
Cafeteria	428.00

Health

Eleanor R. Scott, R.N.	\$ 423.74	
Abel Ross. D.D.S.	40.00	
Health Expense	304.26	
	<hr/>	768.00

Maintenance

Gilbert Andrews	\$ 690.00	
Leo J. Bergeron	736.00	
Arnold M. Holt	1,647.60	
Donald H. Munson	981.75	
Custodian Supplies	760.30	
Fuel	1,059.83	
Utilities	1,597.03	
Maintenance	6,781.44	
Maintenance to Equip.	174.35	
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Transportation

Peter T. Curtis, Kindergarten	\$1,008.00	
Richard W. Tracy, Elementary	3,600.00	
Thomas Vachula, Elementary	8,082.14	
Hamp. Trans., Special Class	781.20	
Mary Lee Morse, Special Class	1,620.00	
Crawford Taxi, Special Class	570.00	
Wal-lex Taxi, Special Class	162.00	
Thomas Vachula, Vocational	1,595.67	
	<hr/>	17,419.01

Tuition

Town of Williamsburg, Special Class	\$2,375.68	
Smith's School	2,619.08	
Vocational beyond Grade 12	660.00	
Adult Education	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,657.76
Total Expenditures		116,183.03
Regional Operational Assessment		111,771.28
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		\$227,954.31

Receipts

School Aid, Chapter 70	\$23,980.65
Vocational Transportation, Chap. 74	975.00
Vocational Tuition, Chapter 74	2,930.00
Vocational Education, Chapter 58	9,927.21

Transportation	5,614.00
Educational TV, Chapter 71	46.50
Transportation, Chapter 71	6,055.42
State Ward Tuition & Trans.	1,205.30
Regional School District	2,045.28
Total Receipts	52,779.36
Net School Cost to Town for 1973	\$175,174.95

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Enrollment figures taken as of October 1, 1971, 1972 and 1973 are as follows:

	1971	1972	1973
Kindergarten	0	0	12
Grade 1	21	12	14
Grade 2	19	22	13
Grade 3	25	18	20
Grade 4	17	26	18
Grade 5	22	17	25
Grade 6	20	21	18
Sub Total	124	116	120
Smith's School	6	6	4
Williamsburg's Special Class	2	2	2
Total under Westhampton School Committee	132	124	126
Total under Hampshire Regional School Committee	100	106	111
Total Westhampton Children Attending Public Schools	232	230	237

The Teaching Staff is as Follows:

Mr. Donald MacLeod, M. Ed.	Principal (part-time)
Mrs. Margaret Tatro, B.S.	Grade 1
Mrs. Patricia Norris, B.S.	Grade 2
Mrs. Virginia Brown, B.A.	Grade 3
Mrs. Joyce Piper, B.S.	Grade 4
Mr. Eugene Callahan, Jr., B.A.	Grade 5
Mrs. Dorothy Ladd, B.A.	Grade 6
Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, M.S.S.	Adj. Counselor (part-time)
Miss Martha Sena, B.A.	Music (part-time)
Mr. Michael Korpita, B.S.	Physical Ed. (part-time)
Mrs. Beverly Bishop	Resource Teacher (part-time)

Other Personnel Include:

Dr. Theodore Selkirk, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Eleanor Scott, R.N.	School Nurse and Aide
Mrs. Lydia Omasta	Kindergarten and Cafeteria Aide
Mr. Gilbert Andrews	Custodian

During the last three (3) years the salaries of the central office personnel and the operational costs of the central (Superintendent's) office have been shared on a 50-50 basis between Hampshire Region and School Union #66. Each of the five (5) towns of the Union was then responsible for a portion of Union's 50% based upon pupil enrollment. Beginning in July of 1974, however, the costs will be shared by all six (6) school committees based upon pupil enrollment. The differences may be seen below:

	Beginning	Beginning July 74
Hampshire Region	50.000%	46%
Chesterfield	6.170	6
Goshen	4.655	4
Southampton	20.425	24
Westhampton	5.065	6
Williamsburg	13.685	14
Total	100.00%	100%

Two major improvements to the school program were instituted in September - the establishment of a Kindergarten Class and a School Lunch Program. Although it is educationally preferable to have the Kindergarten class at the Center School, the Town Hall is quite adequate for the time being, though there are some added costs by not having all children in the same building.

The requirement to establish a School Lunch Program was accomplished by having the Hampshire Regional Cafeteria prepare the meals in bulk for our staff to distribute at the Center School. Extensive renovations to the older part of the school were necessary but the investment was far less than putting in a complete kitchen. The arrangement is quite satisfactory but there is no guarantee that we can continue this way for more than one year at a time.

In 1972, Chapter 766 was passed with an implementation date of September of 1974. This new law requires the school committee to identify, diagnose, evaluate and provide an appropriate educational program for all children from age 3 to 21 who have or may have difficulties arising from intellectual, sensory, emotional or physical factors, cerebral dysfunctions, perceptual factors, or

other specific learning disabilities and because of which are (or will be) unable to progress effectively in a regular educational program. During the latter part of 1973, initial fiscal planning for the implementation of this law took place. Detailed planning will go on throughout the first half of 1974 so that by next September we will be fully prepared to meet these new responsibilities.

The cost of implementing this new law will be extremely high and the community must be ready to accept the reality of full funding for the first year. During subsequent years, however, reimbursements from the State are designed to reduce the sums to be raised through local appropriation for this item within the school committee's budget. I would be remiss not to point out, however, that the reimbursements from the State which are due to be received by the school committee will be taken from Chapter 70 school aid funds and not from any new source of revenue. Unless new revenues are provided for at the State level, the net result of this legislation will be a continuing decrease in the total number of dollars to be expected by the towns as a result of expenditures made for the support of their schools.

The task of providing appropriate and adequate programs for students desirous of obtaining a vocational education is rapidly becoming a serious problem. Beginning January 1, 1974, the tuition rate at Smith's School was raised from \$1,100 to \$2,000 per year. The rate at Westfield Vocational School rose to \$2,700 per year. All of this is complicated by the fact that vocational school enrollments are on the increase and this means that fewer and fewer out-of-town students are being accepted.

Inasmuch as any person desirous of a vocational education (regardless of age) can obtain such an education at the expense of the town wherein he resides (Section 7 of Chapter 41) and inasmuch as the distance to the nearest vocational school willing to accept such pupils cannot be used as a reason to refuse payment of tuition and transportation, towns without their own vocational schools will soon have to come to grips with another problem, the solution to which could be very, very expensive.

Once again I would like to express my appreciation to the officials and citizens of the community for the privilege of serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. BUSS

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Hampshire Regional School Committee held its regular meetings the first Monday of every month at the Regional School in Westhampton. James Lucey served as Chairman, Erwin Cepek served as Vice Chairman, Cynthia I. McQueston served as Secretary.

This committee was noted as one of the two largest school committees in Massachusetts with 17 members. With such a large committee to work with it was divided into seven sub-committees--Finance, Curriculum, Properties, Athletics, Transportation, Policy, and Negotiations and Grievance. This seemed to work out very well this past year.

There were two joint meetings with Union #66 (April and November) to discuss business common to both committees.

We were hosts to the Area V Massachusetts Association of School Committees in October, this included a tour of our school building of area school committeemen and administrators.

The large ten member Building Committee was reduced to three members with Arthur McLaughlin still continuing as chairman. We wish to express our many thanks to the men who served so faithfully on this committee. They did a tremendous job.

Litigation with Clear Falls, Inc. was brought to a close this past year with the payment of damages amounting to \$9,559.25. One third of this was paid by the School Committee with the rest paid by the contractor and subcontractor.

Because of a new state law, Chapter 766, we are expanding our educational program for children with special needs. These are children who require special education services in order to successfully develop their individual educational potentials.

The Hampshire Regional School District sponsored a bill in the legislature permitting regional school districts to have the same privileges as towns and cities by being able to issue bonds for up to five years in order to purchase new equipment.

The following people have also served on this school committee during the past year: Bette McGill, Westhampton; Richard Barnas, Chesterfield; Norman Kirk, Chesterfield; James Lucey, Southampton.

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin Cepek, Chairman	Williamsburg
David Dewey	Williamsburg
Kim Dresser	Goshen
James Freebourn	Southampton
Robert Hughes	Chesterfield
Arthur McLaughlin	Southampton
Cynthia McQueston, Secy.	Williamsburg
James Miller	Westhampton
Louise Montague	Westhampton
Philip Norris	Westhampton
Barbara Parker	Southampton
Louis Poirier	Williamsburg
Ralph Plaza	Southampton
Florence Roseborough	Southampton
Louise Sears	Goshen
Donald Warren	Southampton

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The enrollment at Hampshire Regional High School as of October 1, 1973 was as follows:

Grade	Chestfld.	Goshen	South.	Westh.	Wmburg.	Total
7	22	13	67	22	48	172
8	19	17	76	19	57	188
9	20	12	79	20	55	186
10	14	7	74	15	52	162
11	15	10	72	22	39	158
12	15	7	60	13	44	139

Total	105	66	429	111	295	1006
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Hampshire Regional School District pupils enrolled in other schools:

Holyoke	0	0	1	0	0	1
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Personnel who left the employ of the District during 1973 include the following:

Mr. Edward Arthur	Custodian
Mrs. Helen Berg	Secretary
Mr. Erwin Brakey	Custodian
Mr. Richard Childs, B.A.	Art
Mrs. Edna Cooper	Secretary
*Mrs. Brooks Gloger, M.A.	Art
Mr. David Johnston, B.S.	Social Studies
Miss Kathleen McGraw, M.A.	Latin
Mrs. Joanne Parsons, B.A.	Earth Science
Mrs. Donna Phillips, B.F.A.	Art
Mrs. Susan Poor, B.A.	English

*Did not return from an extended leave of absence.

Personnel who were newly employed by the District	
Mrs. Virginia Ahart, B.A.	Social Studies
Mrs. Helen Berg	Secretary
Mr. Erwin Brakey	Custodian
Mrs. Margaret Brown, B.A.	I.L.C.Aide
Mrs. Laurie Churchill, M.A.T.	Latin
Mrs. Louise Harper, B.A.	Art
Mrs. Charles Horn, M.A.	Science
Miss Karen Karowski	Secretary
*Mr. Barry Levine, M.A.	Art
Mrs. Johna Merritt, M.A.	English
Mr. David Newton	Custodian
Mr. Richard Tufts, M.S.	Earth Science
*Returned after an extended leave of absence.	

The Regional Agreement specifies that each member town shall have two (2) members on the School Committee plus one (1) additional member for each 100 pupils as enrolled on October 1st of each preceeding year. In accordance with the provisions of that Agreement, Chesterfield will elect one (1) additional member at its 1974 regular town election. When the newly created vacancy has been filled, the membership of the School Committee will be raised from seventeen (17) to eighteen (18) as follows:

	Elected	Appointed	Total
Chesterfield	2	1	3
Goshen	1	1	2
Southampton	5	1	6
Westhampton	2	1	3
Williamsburg	3	1	4
	13	5	18

During the last three (3) years, the salaries of the central office personnel and the operational costs of the central (Superintendent's) office have been shared on a 50-50 basis with School Union #66 (the five elementary school departments). Beginning in July of 1974, these costs will be apportioned on a per pupil basis. Under the new formula, the Region's share will be reduced from 50% to 46% while the Union's share will be increased to 54%.

During the last few months of 1973, the faculty began working on plans for the first formal evaluation of Hampshire Regional High School by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Although the on site visit by the NEACSS will not take place until early in 1976, the self-evaluation which must preceed that visit is a long complicated and time consuming project which will be in progress between now and then.

We are currently a member of the NEACSS and as such a fully accredited high school. In order to maintain accreditation beyond 1976, however, the school and its educational program must undergo an evaluation by the association to determine whether or not we are continuing to meet the standards required for maintaining an accredited status. Normally high schools are evaluated not less than once each ten years. In the case of new schools, evaluation must take place shortly after the first full four years of operation.

During 1973 a number of new laws were passed relative to education. Among them were the following:

1. Chapter 298 - An act requiring that courses in practical arts be offered to public school students of either sex. (We have been doing this ever since the school opened).

2. Chapter 314 - An act prohibiting smoking or the consuming of alcoholic beverages on school buses. (What has long been school committee policy is now also state law).

3. Chapter 621 - An act allowing for a moment of meditation for (silent) school prayer in the public schools. (We have been doing this ever since the recitation of a prayer in the public schools was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court).

4. Chapter 660 - An act exempting teachers from civil liability for emergency first aid or transportation rendered to injured students. (A long awaited and practical piece of legislation).

5. Chapter 1025 - An act permitting a Regional School District to change the dates relative to the adoption of its budget. (The new law permits the school committee to delay the adoption of its budget from December 1st to a date not later than 45 days prior to the earliest town meeting of a member town. The earliest town meeting in 1974 will be on March 4th. It is my recommendation that all member towns schedule 1975 town meetings as close to the end of the 1974-75 fiscal year as is practical).

6. Chapter 1049 - An act authorizing regional school districts to issue notes or bonds for the purchase of departmental equipment. (This act became law as a result of a request made by the Hampshire Regional School Committee. The bill was prepared and sponsored by Representative Edward McColgan and others. The purpose of the law is to permit the Region to purchase school buses and to operate its own buses if it seems in the best interests of the District to do so. Approval by all five (5)

member towns is required before bonds or notes could be issued, however).

In 1972, Chapter 766 was passed with an implementation date of September of 1974. This new law requires the school committee to identify, diagnose, evaluate and provide an appropriate educational program for all children from age 3 to 21 who have or may have difficulties arising from intellectual, sensory, emotional or physical factors, cerebral dysfunctions, perceptual factors, or other specific learning disabilities and because of which are (or will be) unable to progress effectively in a regular educational program. During the latter part of 1973, initial fiscal planning will go on throughout the first half of 1974 so that by next September we will be fully prepared to meet these new responsibilities.

The cost of implementing this new law will be extremely high and the District must be ready to accept the reality of full funding for the first year. During subsequent years, however, reimbursements from the state are designed to reduce the sums to be raised through assessments to member towns. I would be remiss not to point out, however, that the reimbursements from the State, which are due to be received by the school committee will be taken from Chapter 70 school aid funds and not from any *new* source of revenue. Unless new revenues are provided for at the State level, the net result of this legislation will be a continuing decrease in State monies to be received via the so-called "Cherry Sheets".

One of the many requiredments of Chapter 766 is to discontinue the use of such terms "Educable, Trainable, Custodial," etc. when referring to mentally retarded students. Further, the law requires that these and all other children with special needs no longer be assigned to "special classes" on full-time basis if they can be integrated into one or more regular classes during the school day.

During the 1973-74 school year, the school committee authorized a pilot program for children with special needs in conjunction with the Individualized Learning Center at the school. The purpose of the project was to prepare ourselves for September of 1974 when such a program will become a matter of law. The experiences gained by the staff in meeting the special needs of a few children partially integrated into the regular school program this year will be of tremendous value to all concerned when the considerably larger number of pupils are phased into the program next year.

Once again I would like to express my appreciation to the officials and citizens of the District for the privilege of serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. BUSS

Superintendent of Schools

BALANCE SHEET — 1973

Assets

Cash		
General Fund	\$ 434,005.55	
Construction Fund	9,800.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 443,805.84
Loans Authorized		239,530.00
Town Assessments		
Chesterfield	59,903.39	
Goshen	43,502.89	
Southampton	258,518.77	
Westhampton	66,838.99	
Williamsburg	186,639.63	
	<hr/>	615,403.67
Estimated Receipts		684,230.29
Janitor Revolving Account		26.95
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Total Assets		\$1,982,996.75

Liabilities

Blue Cross	\$ 32.50
Loans Authorized & Unissued	239,530.00
Assessment Revenue	615,403.00
Income from Invest.	1,735.40
Gifts	340.25
Temporary Loans	260,000.00
P.L. 874	6,640.00
Surplus Revenue	48,384.06
Cafeteria Revolving	4,862.63
Athletic Fund	2,625.44
Athletic Shoe Fund	507.40
#1000	15,837.88
#2000	424,626.89
#3000	149,529.78
#4000	54,962.00
#5000	36,918.15
#6000	4,787.12
#7000	219.69
#8000	104,987.00

#9000	1,240.00
Construction	9,800.29
	<u>\$1,982,996.75</u>

Debt Accounts - December 31, 1973

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

School Bonds 1968-1987	
Interest Rate 5% (Loan #2)	150,000.00
Interest Rate 6.5% (Loan #4)	3,115,000.00
	<u>\$3,265,000.00</u>

Serial Loans

School Planning	150,000.00
Interest Payable June 15 & Dec. 15	
Principal Dec. 15	
School Construction	3,115,000.00
Interest Payable Apr. 1 & Oct. 1	
Principal Payable Oct 1.	
	<u>\$3,265,000.00</u>

STATEMENT OF
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ending December 31, 1973

Cash on Hand January 1, 1973	\$ 325,757.79
Receipts	
Assessment Revenue	
Chesterfield	119,806.79
Goshen	87,005.77
Southampton	517,037.55
Westhampton	133,677.98
Williamsburg	373,279.24
	<u>\$1,230,807.33</u>
Interest Earned	
Savings Accounts	
Operational	12,879.09
Construction	1,735.40
	<u>14,614.49</u>
Grants	
Construction Grant	253,575.00
	<u>253,575.00</u>
Gifts	
Town of Westhampton	50.00
Goshen Fire Association	50.00
	<u>100.00</u>

Commissions		
N. E. Telephone	93.64	93.64
State & Federal Payments		
P.L. 874	6,640.00	
Ch. 69 & 71 Sp. Ed.		
Ch. 71 Trans.	120,060.08	
Mass. Div. Child Guardianship		
Conn. Div. Child Guardianship	808.64	
Mass. Div. of Library Ext.		
Title II Project	1,716.39	
ESEA 1965 Title I Sum. School	31,101.00	
		160,327.11
Cafeteria Receipts		
Lunch Receipts	38,822.78	
Reimbursements	29,084.17	
		67,906.95
Temporary Loans		
Northampton National Bank	260,000.00	260,000.00
Insurance Claims		
King & Cushman - Driver Car	26.60	
Insurance Co. of N.A. Vandalism	65.02	
		91.62
Athletic Revolving Fund		
Gate Receipts	2,631.75	
Athletic Shoes	1,209.90	
Lost Items	20.50	
		3,862.15
Dividends		
Equitable Life Assurance Society	124.51	
Hamp. Co. - Blue Cross Dividend	118.00	
		242.51
Misc. Receipts		
Driver Ed. Fees	\$ 3,490.00	
Transcripts	31.00	
Vending Machines	87.65	
Janitor & Police - Activities	461.62	
Check returned	4.25	
Bad Check	35.00	
Gym Rent	6.00	
		\$ 4,115.52
Employee Payroll Deductions		
Teacher Retirement	32,661.26	
County Retirement	5,459.83	
Annuities	4,510.00	
Federal Withholding	119,821.05	
State Withholding	32,732.93	

Blue Cross - Blue Shield	11,186.09	
Equitable Life Insurance	571.54	
MTA and NEA Dues	3,422.66	
MTA Credit Union Deposits	2,055.00	
MTA Credit Union		
Loan Payments	1,552.00	
Washington National Insurance	427.34	
	<hr/>	\$ 214,399.70
Refunds		
Williamsburg - Workmen's Comp.	570.00	
Blue Cross Premium Refund	37.60	
King & Cushman Prem. Refunds	993.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,600.60
Total Receipts		\$2,211,735.62
Total Balance and Receipts		\$2,537,493.41
Disbursements 1973		
Employee Payroll Deductions		
Teacher Retirement	\$ 32,661.26	
County Retirement	5,459.83	
Annuities	4,510.00	
Federal Withholding	119,821.05	
State Withholding	32,732.93	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	11,153.59	
Equitable Life Insurance	571.54	
MTA - NEA Dues	3,422.56	
MTA - Credit Union Deposit	2,055.00	
MTA - Credit Union Loan Pay.	1,552.00	
Washington National Insurance	427.34	
	<hr/>	\$ 214,367.20
Toward Debt Service		223,520.00
Toward Debt Retirement		214,000.00
Operational Costs		1,124,537.24
Toward Debt Retirement		214,000.00
Operational Costs		1,124,537.24
ESEA 1965 Title I - Summer School		31,101.00
P.L. 874		8,699.00
Vandalism		65.02
Athletic Fund & Athletic Shoe Fund		729.92
Janitor & Police Account		488.57
Library Project		1,741.61
Cafeteria		63,755.00
Temporary Loans		153,750.00
Construction Costs		56,898.01
Bad Check - Deducted by Bank		35.00
Total Disbursements		\$2,093,687.57
Cash on Hand December 31, 1973		\$ 443,805.84

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 1973

Account #	Budgeted 1/1-12/31/74	Budgeted 1/1-6/30/74	Total Budget	Expended 1/1-12/31/73	Balance
1000 Administration	41,176.00	21,049.00	62,225.00	46,387.12	15,837.88
2000 Instruction	742,672.00	397,823.00	1,140,495.00	715,868.11	424,626.89
3000 Other School Services	239,015.00	142,887.00	381,902.00	232,372.22	149,529.78
4000 Operation of Plant	88,106.00	50,867.00	138,973.00	84,011.00	54,962.00
5000 Fixed Charges	50,508.00	22,669.00	73,177.00	36,258.85	36,918.15
6000 Community Services	3,500.00	2,100.00	5,600.00	812.88	4,787.12
7000 New Equipment	497.00	335.00	832.00	612.31	219.69
8000 Debt Retirement Service	437,520.00	104,987.00	542,507.00	437,520.00	104,987.00
9000 Programs with other Districts	1,900.00	600.00	2,500.00	1,260.00	1,240.00
Total	1,604,894.00	743,317.00	2,348,211.00	1,555,102.49	793,108.51
1972 Bills Paid During 1973					
Transferred from			Expended		
Surplus Funds			1/1-12/31/73		
Reserved to pay 1972 Bills					
2000 Instruction	2,322.30		2,322.30		
3000 Other School Services	1,396.33		1,396.33		
4000 Operation of Plant	3,236.12		3,236.12		
Total	\$6,954.75		\$6,954.75		

STATEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Year Ending December 31, 1973

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1973		\$	54,154.66
Receipts			
Transferred from			
Surplus Revenue	\$12,543.64		
Total Receipts			12,543.64
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Total Balance and Receipts			66,698.30
Expenditures			
Construction			
A. P. Casella	2,134.00		
D. A. Sullivan	13,551.21		
Equipment			
Baker & Taylor	7,398.59		
Beacon Musical Instrument	24.00		
Bidwell Co.	460.44		
Brodhead - Garrett	239.75		
W. H. Brine Co.	502.76		
Bro-Dart, Inc.	221.00		
C & I Distributors	57.14		
R. F. Carle	24.93		
Carolina Biological Supply	70.37		
Chriscola Farm Equip.	578.00		
Elm Electrical	2,114.15		
Fenton's Athletic Supply	120.00		
Carl Fischer Music Co.	1,999.00		
Fitzgerald Fence	216.00		
Frey Scientific Co.	102.60		
Gaylord Bros.	105.80		
Gribbon's Band Instruments	269.15		
Hampshire Lumber	361.12		
Harrison Harries	2,280.00		
Harvard Supply	52.95		
Holyoke news	408.44		
Alan Lampson	1,201.14		
Lyman Sheet Metal	680.00		
Media Programs, Inc.	52.28		
Monroe	1,288.00		
National Geographic Society	58.15		
N. E. School Supply	420.00		
Resiliite Sports Products	3,439.80		
Sargent Welch	1,637.49		
School Health Supply	193.10		
Sears Roebuck	39.39		
Sowell Associates	11,819.20		

Stan Lift Corp.	139.00	
Sunbeam Corp.	60.11	
United Blackboard	400.00	
Ward's Nat. Establishment Co.	860.70	
Henry S. Wolkin Co.	1,237.50	
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	41,132.05	
Misc.		
N. E. Telephone	80.75	
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Total Expenditures	\$ 56,898.01	
Balance as of December 31, 1973	\$	9,800.29

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS REVENUE

General Fund Surplus 12-31-72	116,876.37	
Less Reduce 1973-74 Assessments	-99,712.00	
	<hr/>	17,164.37
State Auditor Adjustment		
(1) Set up 1972 Revenue Deficit caused by Transportation reimbursement not received from State 1972 Estimated receipts for trans.	153,750.00	
Transportation Reimbursement Received	94,332.92	
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*Revenue deficit for 1972	+59,417.08	76,581.45
(2) P. L. 874 Received during 1972 cannot be closed out to Surplus Revenue, must be expended directly from P.L. 874 account	-8,699.00	
	<hr/>	67,882.45
Transferred from Surplus Revenue to construction account by vote of HRSD School Committee	-12,543.64	
	<hr/>	55,338.81
Transferred from Surplus Revenue by vote of School Committee to pay 1972 bills	-6,954.75	
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Operation - Surplus 12-31-73		48,384.06

* The 1972 Revenue Deficit was eliminated in July 1973 when the \$59,417.08 transportation reimbursement not received during 1972 was received.

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Estimated Receipts 1-1-73	\$2,248,499.00
Bad Check	35.00

2,248,534.00

Receipts:

Driver Ed. Fees	3,490.00
Transcripts	31.00
Vending Machines	87.65
Gym Rent	6.00
Pay Tel. Commissions	93.64
Blue Cross Refund	37.60
Equitable Dividend	124.51
Blue Cross Dividend	118.00
Workmen's Comp. Premium Refund	570.00
Comm. Package Premium Refund	993.00
Conn. Div of Child Guardianship	808.64
Com. Mass. Trans.	
Reimbursement	60,643.00
Assessment Revenue	1,230,897.33
Interest on Operational Money	12,879.09
Construction Grants	253,575.00
Check returned	4.25
Bad Check	35.00

Total Receipts	1,564,303.71
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Balance Due Remainder 73-74 fiscal year	\$ 684,230.29
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Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE M. O'NEILL

Treasurer

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: The Treasurers and the Residents of the Towns of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg.

From: The Hampshire Regional School District Committee.

Re: Capital and Operational Assessments for July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975.

The budget for the Regional District for the period of July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, represents the amount of money which will be needed to operate and maintain the District and its school.

In accordance with the provisions of the Agreement establishing the District together with certain provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the School Committee has adopted a tentative budget for the coming fiscal year, conducted a public hearing on the budget and then adopted a final budget.

The Agreement and the General Laws further provide that the Committee shall apportion among the member towns the amounts necessary to be raised in order to meet the said budget. The amounts so apportioned for each member town shall then be certified by the Regional Treasurer to the Treasurers of the member towns, and each member town shall, at its next annual town meeting, appropriate the amount so certified to it.

This document consists of three sections:

- I. The Regional Budget.
- II. The Apportionment Statistics for the Five (5) Member Towns.
- III. The Assessments for the 1974 - 1975 Fiscal Year.

REGIONAL BUDGET, July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975

Administration

School Committee

Contracted Services	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies and Materials	254.00
Other Expense (In State)	945.00
Other Expense (Out of State)	600.00

Total School Committee	\$ 2,799.00
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Superintendent' Office

Professional Salaries	\$23,359.00
Clerical Salaries	9,997.00

Contracted Services	1,310.00	
Office Expenses, Supplies	1,526.00	
Office Expenses, Main. of Equip.	92.00	
Office Expenses, Telephone	1,190.00	
Other Expense (In State)	1,224.00	
Other Expense (Out of State)	138.00	
Total Superintendent's Office		\$ 38,836.00
Total Administration		\$ 41,635.00
Instruction		
Principal's Office		
Professional Salaries	\$34,545.00	
Clerical Salaries	13,597.00	
Contracted Services	4,770.00	
Office Expenses	2,654.00	
Other Expenses	1,913.00	
Total Principal's Office		\$ 57,479.00
Teaching		
Professional Salaries	\$721,529.00	
Contracted Services	0	
Classroom Supplies	32,200.00	
Other Expenses (In State)	571.00	
Other Expenses (Out of State)	304.00	
Special Class Salaries	9,927.00	
Professional Salaries	15,947.00	
Secretarial Salaries	1,855.00	
Resource Teacher and Aides	10,231.00	
Contracted Services	18,216.00	
Other Expenses	15,410.00	
Adult Education	1,000.00	
Total Teaching		\$ 827,190.00
Textbooks		\$ 14,000.00
Library Services		
Professional Salaries	\$ 16,077.00	
Supplies & Materials	6,735.00	
Other Expenses	125.00	
		\$ 22,937.00
Audio Visual Services		
Supplies & Materials	\$ 4,000.00	
Total AVA Services		\$ 4,000.00
Guidance Services		
Professional Services	\$40,111.00	
Clerical Services	5,860.00	

Supplies & Materials	589.00	
Other Expense (In State)	325.00	
Other Expense (Out of State)	175.00	
Total Guidance Services		\$ 47,060.00
Total Instruction		\$ 972,666.00
Other School Services		
Attendance		
Professional Salaries	\$ 2,916.00	
Other Expenses	100.00	
Total Attendance		\$ 3,016.00
Health Services		
Professional	\$ 9,700.00	
Supplies & Materials	307.00	
Other Expenses	2,220.00	
Total Health Services		\$ 12,227.00
Transportation		
Field Trips	\$ 1,000.00	
Regular Transportation	208,960.00	
Special Class	2,279.00	
Total Transportation		\$ 212,239.00
Athletics		
Contracted Services	\$ 6,933.00	
Supplies & Materials	3,200.00	
Other Expenses	2,218.00	
		\$ 12,351.00
Other Student Body Activities		
Contracted Services	\$ 658.00	
Supplies & Materials	825.00	
Other Expenses	247.00	
Total Student Body Activities		\$ 1,730.00
Total Other School Services		\$ 241,563.00
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		
Custodial Services		
Salaries	\$ 48,679.00	
Supplies & Materials	4,579.00	
Other Expenses	125.00	
Total Custodial Services		\$ 53,383.00
Fuel		\$ 19,320.00
Utilities		\$ 22,000.00

Maintenance of Grounds		
Contracted Services	\$ 1,250.00	
Supplies & Materials	3,852.00	
Total Maintenance of Grounds		\$ 5,102.00
Maintenance of Buildings		
Contracted Services	\$ 2,264.00	
Supplies & Materials	1,560.00	
Total Maintenance of Buildings		\$ 3,824.00
Maintenance of Equipment		
Contracted Services	\$ 3,800.00	
Supplies and Materials	352.00	
Total Maintenance of Equipment		\$ 4,152.00
Total Operation & Maint. of Plant		\$ 107,781.00
Fixed Charges		
County Retirement System		\$ 10,910.00
Insurance		26,663.00
Rent - Superintendent's Office		1,512.00
Debt Service (Temporary Loans)		21,450.00
Total Fixed Charges		\$ 60,535.00
Community Services		
Private School Transportation	\$ 3,300.00	
Total Community Services		\$ 3,300.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets		
New Equipment	\$ 2,625.00	
Total Acquisition of Fixed Assets		\$ 2,625.00
Debt Retirement and Service		
Debt Retirement	\$210,000.00	
Debt Service	203,263.00	
Total Debt Retirement and Service		\$ 413,163.00
Programs with Other Districts		
Special Class Tuition	\$ 1,500.00	
Total Programs with Other Districts		\$ 1,500.00
Total Budget July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975		\$1,844,868.00

II. APPORTIONMENT STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE MEMBER TOWNS

Section IV (D) of the Agreement as amended by recent legislation states in part that each member town's share of capital and operating costs for each fiscal year shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's pupil enrollment in the regional district school on October 1 of the year next preceding the fiscal year for which the apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollment from all the member towns in the regional district school on the same date.

The following statistics include all pupils enrolled at the Regional School plus those pupils under the jurisdiction of the District who are assigned to special programs in other schools as of October 1, 1973:

Grade	Chestfld.	Goshen	South.	Westh.	Wmburg.	Total
7	22	13	67	22	48	172
8	19	17	76	19	57	188
9	20	12	79	20	55	186
10	14	7	74	15	52	162
11	15	10	72	22	39	158
12	15	7	60	13	44	139
Special	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	105	66	429	111	295	1006
Percent.	10.437	6.561	42.644	11.034	29.324	100.000

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 1974-75 FISCAL YEAR

A. Summary for the 1974-75 Budget

Administration	41,635	41,635
Instruction	972,666	972,666
Other School Services	241,563	241,563
Operation & Maintenance	107,781	107,781
Fixed Charges	60,535	60,535
Community Services	3,300	3,300
Aquisition of Fixed Assets	2,625	2,625
Debt Retirement & Service	413,263	413,263
Programs with Other Sch. Districts	1,500	1,500
Total	1,428,980	415,888 1,844,868

B. Sources of Revenue

1. P.L. 874	6,640
2. Anticipated Receipts	
a. Construction Grant	126,788
b. Transportation Reimbursement	195,239
c. Driver Education Fees	3,500
d. Assessments	1,462,977
3. Capital Surplus	12,787
4. Operation Surplus Funds	
a. Interest	14,685
b. Transportation Reimbursement	22,252
Total	\$1,844,868

C. Operational Assessments

1. Operational portion of the 1974-1975 budget:	1,428,980
a. Less Operational Surplus Funds	(-) 36,937
b. Less Anticipated Receipts:	
1. Transportation Reimbursement	(-) 195,239
2. Driver Education Fees	(-) 3,500
c. Less P.L. 874	(-) 6,640

To be raised through Assessments:	\$1,186,664
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2. Operational Assessments to Member Towns:			
a. Chesterfield	10.437%	\$	123,852
b. Goshen	6.561		77,857
c. Southampton	42.644		506,041
c. Westhampton	11.034		130,937
e. Williamsburg	29.324		347,977
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Total	100.000%	\$	1,186,664
D. Capital Assessments			
1. Capital portion of 1974-1975 budget		\$	415,888
a. Less State Construction Grant		(-)	126,788
b. Less Capital Surplus Funds		(-)	12,787
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To be raised through Assessments		\$	276,313
2. Capital Assessments to Member Towns			
a. Chesterfield	10.437%		28,839
b. Goshen	6.561		18,129
c. Southampton	42.644		117,831
d. Westhampton	11.034		30,488
e. Williamsburg	29.324		81,026
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Total	100.00%	\$	276,313
E. Total Assessments for 1974-1975			
a. Chesterfield	\$ 123,852	\$ 28,838	\$ 152,690
a. Goshen	77,858	18,129	95,986
c. Southampton	506,041	117,831	623,872
d. Westhampton	130,937	30,488	161,425
e. Williamsburg	347,977	81,027	429,004
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Total	\$1,186,664	\$276,313	\$1,462,977

III. ASSESSMENTS (1974 - 1975)

In order to comply with Section IV (E) of the Regional Agreement as amended, the Treasurers of the Towns of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton, and Williamsburg, are requested to pay their proportionate share of the capital and operating costs as described herein to the Treasurer of the Hampshire Regional School District (Mrs. Jeanette M. O'Neill, Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Williamsburg, Mass.)

Payment Due	Chesfld.	Goshen	South.	Westh.	Wmburg.
Aug. 15, 1974	38,172.50	23,996.50	155,968.00	40,356.25	107,251.00
Nov. 15, 1974	38,172.50	23,996.50	155,968.00	40,356.25	107,251.00
Feb. 15, 1975	38,172.50	23,996.50	155,968.00	40,356.25	107,251.00
May. 15, 1975	38,172.50	23,996.50	155,968.00	40,356.25	107,251.00
Totals	\$152,690.00	95,986.00	623,872.00	161,425.00	429,004.00
Grand Total \$1,462,977.00					

WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET						
			July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975			
	A&B&C		A&B	B&C	1-74 6-74	
	1-73	6-74			1-73	6-74
	1-73	6-74	12-73	74	Expended	Balance
Sch. Comm. Exp.		25.00	10.00	15.00	49.02	Budget 50.00
Supt./B. Mgr. Salared	3,662.00		2,422.00	2,462.00	2,431.36	1,230.64
Supt. Clerical Salaries	1,596.00		1,056.00	1,074.00	1,306.90	289.10
Supt. Office Expense	282.00		181.00	193.00	142.00	140.00
Supt. Office Expense - Supplies						199.00
Supt. Office Expense - Supplies						
Supt. Office Expense - Maint.						12.00
Supt. Office Expense - Telephone						88.00
Supt. Other Expense	198.00		135.00	135.00	135.24	160.00
Out-of-State Travel			15.00	15.00	13.63	18.00
Principal's Salary	6,147.00		4,033.00	4,174.00	3,835.29	2,311.71
Principal's Expense	424.74		283.16	283.16	278.94	145.80
Teacher Salaries	101,106.00		59,003.00	64,836.00	56,710.54	44,395.46
Teacher Aide & Resource				2,335.70	2,956.80	1,149.40
Supplies	4,106.20		2,650.50		1,573.80	- 1,573.80
Physical Education	2,825.65		1,785.05	75.00		120.00
Elem. Other Expense	120.00		90.00	1,674.20	1,211.04	1,614.61
766 Professional Salaries						
766 Clerical						
766 Contracted Services						
766 Other						
Text	4,305.72		2,517.04	1,788.68	1,622.84	2,682.88
Library Boiks	410.00		290.00	236.00	260.28	149.72
						6,810.00
						2,584.00
						330.00

Audio Visual	1,318.05	834.74	754.01	558.76	759.29	825.00
Adjustment Counselor	3,663.00	2,174.00	2,277.00	2,171.68	1,491.32	2,455.00
Adj. Couns. Exp.	160.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	60.00	100.00
Health Salaries	838.99	560.00	560.00	463.74	374.26	575.00
Health Exp.	586.00	378.00	359.20	304.26	281.74	442.00
Class Trips	450.00	300.00	270.00	237.00	213.00	350.00
Transportation	21,287.00	12,575.00	14,519.00	12,690.14	8,596.86	14,425.71
Trans. Special Class	4,560.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	3,133.20	1,426.80	
Trans. Vocational	2,882.00	1,801.00	1,801.00	1,595.67	1,286.33	1,354.29
Trans. Voc. Beyond Gr. 12	345.00	232.00	232.00		345.00	360.00
Cafeteria	720.00	296.00	720.00	428.00	292.00	560.00
Custodian Salaries	7,656.00	4,872.00	5,568.00	4,055.35	3,600.65	6,189.00
Custodian Supplies	1,400.00	800.00	800.00	760.30	639.70	800.00
Fuel	2,172.00	1,255.00	1,255.00	1,059.83	1,112.17	5,643.75
Utilities	2,736.00	1,710.00	1,710.00	1,597.03	1,138.97	2,251.93
Maintenance	1,850.00	1,175.00	1,175.00	6,781.44	- 4,931.44	675.00
Maint. of Equipment	225.00	150.00	150.00	174.35	50.65	150.00
Insurance	137.00	137.00	137.00	66.35	70.65	70.00
Rental of Buildings	1,729.77	753.18	1,653.18	153.18	1,576.59	191.00
New Equipment	2,804.60	2,200.60	962.40	1,667.31	1,137.29	1,720.78
Tuition Special Education	3,815.38	2,200.00	2,400.00	2,375.68	1,439.70	
Tuition Vocational	13,042.25	7,208.00	9,801.00	2,619.08	10,423.17	8,000.00
Tuition Voc. Bey. Gr. 12	1,960.20	1,306.80	1,306.80	660.00	1,300.20	4,000.00
Adult Education	140.00	100.00	100.00	3.00	137.00	100.00
TOTALS	201,715.56	-20,639.07	130,759.33	166,183.03	85,532.53	144,680.21

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the April 24, 1973 meeting Frank B. Montague was elected chairman. Gilbert Andrews was elected secretary. Expected receipt of about \$12,760 in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds during year 1973 was earmarked for "multi-purpose and general government projects."

The possibility of using some Federal Revenue Sharing for our town library was discussed. The Committee voted also to retain the Regional School Report in the Annual Town Report booklet and so informed Chesterfield who were considering a separate school report. These actions occurred at a meeting on June 12.

On August 2, the Committee discussed various aspects of Federal Revenue Sharing. The Library's stated need for \$1,756.50 and sums to be received from State Government as reported on the revised statement (Cherry sheet, so called).

On August 27, the committee recommended the transfer of \$500.00 from the Reserve Account to the Veterans' Account.

During the September 19 meeting, the Committee recommended application of \$26,000.00 Revenue sharing monies to reduce the tax rate. They also approved the use of \$1,756.50 of Revenue Sharing funds for the library.

At the December 6 meeting, \$1,252.70 was transferred from the Reserve Account to the Temporary Interest Account.

It was voted, on January 22, to disapprove a proposed article to appropriate \$9,276.00 to procure a soil survey by our U. S. Soil Conservation Service. In other actions, it was recommended that \$2,000.00 be transferred from Reserve Account to Road Machinery Account and that \$4,000.00 of Revenue Sharing be applied to purchase a new sander for the Highway Department.

On January 24, the Center School Budget was approved as proposed. The Selectmen's proposed town budget was reduced by \$3,200.00 and approved as amended. Further action at this meeting would allow insertion of an article in town warrant to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for inclusion in the Stabilization Account.

GILBERT ANDREWS, *Secretary*

**ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 1974**

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the amount of \$5,060.00 received on October 8, 1973 and the amount of \$5,060.00 received on January 11, 1974 from the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To raise and appropriate or otherwise provide such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges in the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974 and ending June 30, 1975, and to issue a note or notes that may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 4 and 17 of the Chapter 44, General Laws of Massachusetts, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to the stabilization fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation there to.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept projects approved by the Department of Public Works under the terms as set forth under Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$2,500.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 1974, for the Library Account and to meet this

appropriation the Town accept the sum of \$1,000.00 from 1973 State Aid to Libraries and to raise \$1,500.00 by taxation, plus Dog Refund.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$793.00 for the purpose of providing mental health and mental retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that the sum of \$793.00 be transferred to the Franklin^oHampshire Area Board Trust Fund with approval and under the direction of the school committee, or Board of Health, or under their joint direction or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town of Westhampton will accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40. Section 8c as amended and establish the Conservation Commission of the Town of Westhampton for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by law, to be composed of five members appointed by tre Selectmen for terms of three years each, except that initial appointments shall be one for one year, two for two years and two for three years; and that there be established a Conservation Fund as authorized by law and that \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of such commission and \$500.00 be appropriated to such Conservation Fund, to be under the control of such Commission.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 23 to elect a Board of Health for three year terms in order that the Board of Selectmen need no longer exercise the duties of a Board of Health.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,276.00 to have the U.S. Soil Conservation Service conduct a soil survey of the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed zoning By-Law changes or take any other action thereto:

A. Section II of the Protective Zoning By-Law is amended by adding the following section:

8. Family: A family is any number of individuals related by blood, marriage or adoption living together as

a single housekeeping unit, provided that a group of not more than four persons keeping house together but not necessarily related by blood or marriage shall be considered a family.

B. Under part 1 of Section IV of the Protective Zoning By-Law the following items shall be deleted: g. Office, bank, newspaper or job printing establishment. h. Any wholesale or retail business. i. research laboratory. Under part 2 of Section IV the following shall be deleted: b. Multi-family dwelling units, e. Hotel, motel or restaurant. i. Place of amusement or assembly, club conducted for profit. Under part 2 of Section IV , the following shall be inserted: b. Office, Bank, newspaper or job printing establishment. e. Any wholesale or retail business. i. Research laboratory.

C. Section III of Article III of the Protective By-Law shall be deleted: No building will be erected within 15 feet of an abutters property line and all building lots will consist of a minimum frontage of 200 feet and contain a minimum of 30,000 square feet. A new section III shall be inserted as follows: No building will be erected within 20 feet of an abutters property line and all building lots will consist of a minimum frontage of 250 feet on a public way and contain a minimum of 50,000 square feet.

D. Section I of Article IV of the Protective By-Law shall be deleted: Ordinary repairs of buildings may be made, provided such repairs do not include the cutting away of any stone, cement, or brick wall, in whole or in part, the removal of which would tend to weaken the structure and cost does not exceed \$250.00 for material and labor. A new Section I shall be inserted as follows: Any alteration and/or repair of a building for which the cost of labor and materials exceeds \$250.00 requires a permit.

E. Section I of Article II of the Protective By-Law is amended by adding the words or special after the word regular so that it reads as follows: These By-Laws and Building Ordinances may be replaced, altered, amended or added to by a two-thirds vote at any regular or special town meeting.

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